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Yugoslav Jews under fire

The Jewish community centre in Sarajevo came under heavy shelling on Sunday, injuring one woman employee, according to correspondents from the Hebrew daily *Ma'ariv*, who are in the Bosnian capital.

The paper also reported that Serbians are refusing to allow five elderly Jews to leave their old age home, where they are trapped without food, water, electricity or medicine.

Meanwhile, a group of 100 Yugoslav Jews, most of them from Belgrade, were due to arrive in Israel early Wednesday morning. Jewish women and children from Sarajevo are preparing to be evacuated from the city next week, but Jewish men will not be allowed to leave, according to reports.

Israel helps victims

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Amid reports of "ethnic cleansing," "deportations" and "death camps" in the wartorn republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Jewish organizations are asking the Canadian government to take an active role in pushing for investigations about atrocities reminiscent of the Holocaust.

In the United States, Jewish groups are calling on the American government and the United Nations to put an end to atrocities attributed to Serbian nationalist forces against Muslims and Croats in Bosnia-Herzegovina, with the American Jewish Congress, the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre and its Canadian office calling for possible military intervention.

And in Israel last week, the foreign ministry began making arrangements for the dispatch of humanitarian and medical aid to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Meretz Knesset member Yossi Sarid was to leave for Bosnia to report on the situation there and to call in the relief supplies and medical team when it is safe to do so.

In announcing Israeli policy on the ethnic strife after months of silence, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said that "Israel will always remember. . . the past contact between the Serbs and the Jews. (Both fought side by side during World War II against Nazi forces and the fascist puppet state in Croatia.)

"But there comes a time when atrocities are too big, not that minor ones are tolerable. We are not allies, not the Jewish people and not the State of Israel, with anyone massacring people in concentration camps, in indiscriminate killing of men, women and children," he said.

Prof. Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, said "It is horrifying and almost beyond belief that the bitter lessons of European history in this century seem to have not been learned by the current combatants. The continued violence and atrocities perpetrated upon civilians and combatants alike resonates in our collective memory.

"Having failed the test of humanity so often in the past, the civilized world cannot afford to fail again," Abella said.

In a letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, B'nai Brith Canada called for Canadian support for a full UN inquiry into human rights abuses in Bosnia-Herzegovina, with special attention to allegations of murders in concentration camps and ethnic cleansing operations by Serbian forces.

"All sides in the Yugoslavian civil war are guilty of grave human rights abuses, but reports of concentration camps must receive special attention," said Brian Morris, national chairman of B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs.

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"These reports summon up echoes of the Nazi era and as Jews, we cannot be silent," he added.

Sol Littman, head of the Wiesenthal Centre's Canadian office, said he has written "a strong letter" to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, calling on Canada to press first for an ultimatum from the United States, Germany, France and Britain to end the military bombardments in the region. "Failure to do so would lead to multilateral air strikes against these positions," he wrote.

"This is the counsel of despair," Littman said, but the feeling has grown that nothing else will stop the atrocities.

Reports from the newly-independent government of Bosnia-Herzegovina claim that Serbian nationalists have set up 66 concentration camps around the country, holding more than 120,000 people, and that more than 17,100 prisoners had been killed in just 10 of the camps.

The United States confirmed last week that civilians have been tortured and murdered in Serbian-run concentration camps.

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Bewildered Yugoslav child sits on his suitcase at Ben Gurion airport. [I.P.P.A. photo]

Jewish families torn by civil strife in Bosnia

By LEORA FRUCHT

NAHALAT YEHUDA, Israel —

A month ago, a rocket slammed into Igor Tauber's house, blowing his bedroom into pieces. The 16-year-old Jewish boy from Sarajevo was not home at the time. Thanks to his father's foresight, Igor had already been whisked to safety — in Israel.

Igor is one of 171 Yugoslavian Jewish youngsters who have been brought to Israel in the last seven months in a rescue operation undertaken by the Jewish Agency's Youth Aliya Department. The children, aged 8 to 17, have come to Israel on their own, leaving behind parents who were reluctant or unable to part from their homes. Many of the youngsters were evacuated from the battered Bosnian capital of Sarajevo.

"My father had a premonition about seven months ago that there might be war in Bosnia, so he decided to send me to Israel," recalls Igor, who arrived with the first group of evacuees in December.

"Now I hear that there is nothing left of my room in Sarajevo," says the tall, brown-eyed teenager. "Everything I had was destroyed: my guitars, my clothes, my belongings, all that was my life."

But Igor is trying not to dwell on the past. Every morning he attends Hebrew classes at the WIZO Youth Village at Nahalat Yehuda, a boarding school just outside the town of Rishon LeZion. It is one of three Youth Aliya institutions that are housing and caring for the Yugoslavian refugee children.

In the afternoons Igor sits in the shade with friends, strumming a borrowed guitar and singing spirited Serbo-Croatian and Hebrew songs. "I came here to start a new life," he says. "I think I can do it. I'm young, and I have courage."

Unfortunately, Igor's efforts are mired by the pain of being separated from his mother. Like many Jews in Yugoslavia, the Taubers made sure to shepherd their children to safety in Israel, but not all parents could bring themselves to leave their homes. While Igor's father came to Israel his mother remains trapped in the family's bombed out home in Sarajevo. "When I last spoke to her, she told me she was living in a bomb shelter," says Igor.

Tamara Nikolic, the children's counsellor, also arrived in Israel before the outbreak of war; and she, too, left her parents behind in Sarajevo. "They don't even have a bomb shelter in their house," says the 22-year-old, choking on her words. "They just close the windows, wait and pray.

"The last time I was able to reach my mother by phone, I heard bombs exploding as we spoke. It was terrible.

"She told me that she and my father now eat grass and leaves. She used to weigh 65 kilograms, now she weighs 49."

Many of the children arrived in Israel well after the war was already raging. They bear the scars of having witnessed atrocities firsthand. In a recent art class, one young boy drew a vivid illustration of his town. "The picture was full of tanks, bombs, fire, gutted buildings and bodies strewn all over the street," recounts Tamara, his counsellor. "When I asked the boy what this was, he told me: 'This is my home: this is Sarajevo'."

Serbo-Croatian-speaking social workers have been assigned to help the children overcome the trauma of war and separation from their parents. In addition, the Yugoslavian Immigrants'

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Intermarried Orthodox part of community: rabbinical report

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA —

Orthodox Jews who intermarry can join synagogues and participate in services, says a discussion paper recently released by the Rabbinical Council of America Roundtable, a discussion group affiliated with the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America.

The paper argues that Orthodox rabbis have flexibility when it comes to the way they treat intermarried Jews. There is ample rabbinic opinion, says Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Roundtable co-chairman and a consultant to the report,

Rabbi Reuven Bulka

that rabbis can allow intermarried Jews to take part in synagogue life. But it is up to individual rabbis to weigh each case on its own, and decide what rights to extend to Jews who intermarry.

"A rabbi who wants to maintain a strict hardline opposition to the intermarried is in their full right to do so," says Rabbi Bulka, "but rabbis who want to have a different approach, and perhaps allow the intermarried to be a part of a minyan, has authority to do that also."

In the past, the Orthodox community regarded intermarriage as an act of rebellion, the ultimate rejection of Jewish life. In response, intermarried Jews were essentially excommunicated. Men, for example, were not counted as members of a minyan. In extreme cases, families behaved as if their intermarried children had died.

Given the high rate of intermarriage today, the paper argues, it can be regarded as a natural result of assimilation, and not a conscious act of rebellion.

"As much as we're against intermarriage as being wrong and detrimental to the future of the Jewish community," says Rabbi Bulka, "we can't take it as a rejection of the Jewish community."

Still, since the Orthodox community cannot condone intermarriage, Rabbi Bulka says rabbis should differentiate between Jews who intermarry and those who don't. They could, for instance, allow men to be counted as part of a minyan, but draw the line at calling them to the bimah for an aliyah.

Rabbi Bulka says some Orthodox leaders have complained that by giving permission to rabbis to accept intermarried Jews into the congregation, the discussion paper weakens the Orthodox opposition to intermarriage.

"Our purpose was not to make an accommodation with intermarriage, but to see reality," he explains.

Rabbi Bulka says the Roundtable wrote the paper in response to rabbis who were asking how far they could go in accepting intermarried Jews. Every case is different, he added, depending on the size and location of the Jewish community, and the situation of the intermarried and their families. What the discussion paper offers are options so a rabbi can handle each case on its own.

The Reform and Conservative movements do not exclude intermarried Jews from the synagogue.

USY LEADERS

The new Eastern Canadian region United Synagogue Youth executive board includes (from left) Josh Philipson, executive vice-president; Melissa Albin, Splinter City membership vice-president; Debra Cohen, president; Ira Haberman, social action/Tikum Olam; Shoshana Cohen, Eastern area membership vice-president; Ellie Morris, communications vice-president; Jennifer Kronis, religion/education vice-president.

MODEL CHAPTER

Members of B'nai Brith Women of Canada Elan Chapter accepting awards for model chapter for 1991-92 include (from left) Marni Collier, Judi Valensky, Charna Gordon, Dorit Kerbel and Carole Traister.

Downtown Toronto Jews push for 'distinct' status

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Quebec may not be the only Canadian community pushing for recognition of its distinctive nature.

In downtown Toronto, nine Jewish organizations and synagogues, feeling themselves "like a distinct society within the [wider] Jewish federation," have recently established the Downtown Jewish Community Council.

"The creation of this new organization was a response to the growth in the Jewish population in central Toronto and the increasing activities of the Jewish organizations living there," said Stuart Schoenfeld, chairman of the council.

Citing an estimate that the downtown Jewish population is larger than that of Ottawa (over 12,000), Schoenfeld said the council's "members want to work together to develop the downtown community." The community's exact borders are fluid, since being a downtowner is more a question of identification than location, he said.

The formation of the organization sends a clear message to Jews both downtown and uptown that "each Jewish organization is not isolated and that they think of themselves as part of a community," he said.

Part of the message is also that "the presence of large numbers of Jews in central Toronto should not be overlooked or minimized," he added.

The council's nine constituent partners include the Jewish Community Centre (JCC), Jewish Family & Child Services, the Downtown Jewish Community School (DJCS), the University of Toronto Jewish Student Federation, Anshe Minsk Congregation, the First Narayever Congregation, the Kiever Congregation, the Beach Hebrew Institute and Shaarei Tzedek Congregation.

Karen Chisvin, a member of the JCC board of directors who represented the JCC at the initial meetings, said the council could provide an organizational focus for Jewish life in the downtown area. It might also provide for the sharing of resources, a forum for the voicing of shared concerns and a vehicle for reaching out to Jews in the area.

Paul Appleby, a representative of the Shaarei Tzedek on the council, said the newly-founded organization also intends to show that there is "an active downtown community that needs the JCC facilities."

He said published reports that the JCC's Spadina Avenue/Bloor Street branch might be sold to help reduce the JCC's debt "have called people to action."

Appleby said there is a feeling that the downtown Jewish community has been neglected and that the JCC must continue to serve its local community, including the provision of annual Passover services.

The JCC is also the location where education, social services, summer camps, cultural functions and singles events are available, he said.

Chezi Zionce, leader of the Narayever Synagogue, said he received numerous calls from members of the congregation, expressing their displeasure at the possible sale of the JCC.

During the High Holidays, the Narayever holds auxiliary services for more than 400 people at the JCC and for 200 more at the synagogue, he said. In addition, 80 percent of parents whose children attend the DJCS are members of the congregation.

If the JCC is sold, or even changes location (the JCC is examining proposals it relocate to St. Clair and Bathurst), the congregation would have to re-evaluate its position, he said.

Schoenfeld, a professor of sociology at York University, said the council has met twice at the JCC and will continue to gather once a month. The council's first project is publication of an information brochure on the downtown community. The pamphlet will be distributed to the public at an open house at the JCC on Sept. 13.

The Jewish character of the area has changed substantially from the days of the great community migration northward in the 1950s and '60s, Schoenfeld said. Many Jews who subsequently moved to Toronto chose to live in the downtown area and it is now home to many young singles and couples with children.

That has created a demand for services, he said, pointing out that the DJCS, housed at the JCC, has a substantial waiting list.

According to Schoenfeld, the council has adopted the following goals: "To promote Jewish institutions and organizations in the downtown area; to encourage Jewish educational opportunities; to unify the downtown Jewish community; to promote outreach to the unaffiliated; to promote Jewish community activities; and to ensure that services to the downtown Jewish community remain viable."

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Former Yiddish journalist recalls execution of writers

By JANICE ARNOLD

Pearl Weissenberg and Zelik Akselrod were married for just a year and three months before he was slain June 26, 1941, while a prisoner in the Soviet Union. His "crime" was being a Yiddish cultural activist, who resisted the Stalin regime's manipulation of the arts to further the Communist utopia and oppression of Jewish nationalism.

His death, and those of other prominent Yiddish writers, notably in 1937 and 1941, presaged the secret executions of 25 leading Yiddish writers 40 years ago, on Aug. 12, 1952. Many Soviet Jews believe Stalin, like Hitler, had a plan to annihilate the community, prevented only by his death the following year.

Akselrod, born near Vilna in 1904, had been a student of Russian literature, but gained prominence as a Yiddish poet.

The irony of his fate is that in the '20s he was associated with upholders of the view that a socialist Yiddish culture could flourish under the Soviet system. However, he did resist the official demand that literature be "proletarianized" and depict the glory of the workers' state.

While living in Minsk, his outspoken support for literary freedom led to attacks on his "bourgeois individualism" and increasing ostracism.

Weissenberg, daughter of Polish Yiddish writer I. M. Weissenberg, met Akselrod in Bialystok in late 1939, when many Jewish writers from Poland fled to the Soviet Union shortly after the signing of the Soviet-German non-aggression pact. They were married in February, 1940.

Weissenberg, who has lived in Canada (for the most part, Montreal) since 1954, was a young Yiddish journalist at the time.

Akselrod provided succor to the refugees, who believed they had come to a safe haven. They soon learned otherwise.

"I remember one evening when an official delegation came especially to lecture the newcomers on Marxism-Leninism. The speakers, many of them in military uniform and wearing police boots, had steely gazes and cold warning words for the newly arrived writers from 'fascist' Poland about how to write in the Soviet Union...

"These words cast fear over the assembled and made them feel caught in a grip, in a narrow space, with darkness and gloom surrounding them," Weissenberg said.

Akselrod, known for his humor, tried to dispel their anguish, but it was a facade.

"He could not rest. He was frightened by the destruction of his people in the West and the still hidden, but undeniable, sinister tendencies in the East."

Akselrod continued to write poetry, while working for the Minsk Yiddish Theatre and Minsk Shtern.

Akselrod ignored pleas by some colleagues to praise Stalin in his writing, if only not to endanger his friends. "Akselrod was perhaps the only one whose pen did not praise the great lie." Time told that toeing the line was not a guarantee of saving one's skin.

Akselrod's fate began to close in on him when with colleague Eli Kagan he attempted to reopen the Yiddish paper in Vilna.

On his return to Minsk, critic Michas Model attacked his "lyrical" writing. Akselrod felt he was being followed and would remark to one of his few remaining friends, writer Shmuel Halkin, when a police vehicle went by: "They're coming for me."

Zelik Akselrod at age 24.

On May 31, 1941, police arrested Akselrod in his apartment. Weissenberg returned while the police were searching for counter-revolutionary material. They confiscated manuscripts and took the Yiddish typewriter. "I shouted and screamed uncontrollably," she recalled.

Kagan, arrested the same day, and Akselrod were imprisoned in a jail in Minsk. Weissenberg unable to even eat and Akselrod's father and sister were denied permission to visit the jail.

Expatriate Polish writer Perets Markish led a campaign for Akselrod, circulating a petition among Jewish writers, actors and artists. "He nearly paid for it with his head, but this did not deter him from doing the impossible," Weissenberg said.

Markish had arranged for a top lawyer from Moscow to defend Akselrod, but the forces of history were conspiring against the poet.

On June 22, 1941, war broke out between Russia and Germany. "All plans and hopes to rescue Akselrod collapsed like a house of cards."

Under suspicion themselves, Weissenberg and Akselrod's family moved to Central Asia, unable to get any information about him, even what jail he was in.

Weissenberg wrote to all the many jails in Russia, with the same negative reply, and searched in vain the passing trains of detainees on their long journey east, risking interrogation by soldiers.

"I do not know how I managed to remain so calm in the face of danger...Perhaps it was this that saved me, or perhaps I had more luck than brains."

Kagan was released, and replied to Weissenberg's letters that he had neither seen nor heard anything of her husband.

"The tragic truth was that when the Germany army was approaching Minsk, three days after the outbreak of war, the prison officials in Minsk became frightened that if the prisoners fell into the hands of the Nazis, they would collaborate," Weissenberg explained.

They were taken out of the prison and moved inland. Their files were left behind.

On the way, they were interrogated on whether they had committed a political or criminal offence.

Kagan apparently said his offence was criminal, and he was freed. Asked the same question, Akselrod replied political. He was shot on the spot.

"In the Soviet Union, criminal offenders were judged much more mildly than political ones. Akselrod, however, believed that even in that critical situation, he must be truthful."

After the war, Weissenberg-Akselrod lived in Poland, Germany, Sweden and Israel, before coming to Montreal in 1954. She lived in Winnipeg from 1968-74, where she edited *The Yiddish Press*, and has written Yiddish fiction and non-fiction.

Weissenberg-Akselrod, now 78, never remarried.

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The 40th anniversary of the purge of Yiddish writers will be commemorated in Montreal Sept. 3 at the Jewish Public Library, in association with the Yiddish Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

In Toronto, Dr. David Fishman of the Jewish Theological Seminary will speak at the commemoration, to be held on August 19 at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Funding case to be appealed

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Jewish community has lost the first round in its bid to have the courts order the province of Ontario to fund Jewish day schools.

But it will appeal a decision of Justice William Anderson of the Ontario Court of Justice, said Murray Segal, chairman of the Ontario Jewish Alliance for Equity in Education (OJAEE), a committee of Canadian Jewish Congress mandated to push for school funding.

Segal said that while last week's decision is "disappointing," Justice Anderson "expressed sympathy with the position of the applicants (five Jewish parents backed by Congress who launched the case) and with their sense of grievance," Segal said.

The parents had sued the provincial government, claiming that the current practice of funding only Roman Catholic and public schools while excluding Jewish schools violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. They were joined in the case by four parents with children in Protestant schools, who were supported by the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools. The Ontario Federation of Independent Schools joined them as intervener.

They were opposed by lawyers for the provincial government, by the Metropolitan Toronto School Board, the Ontario Public School Boards Association and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

In his 71-page judgement, Justice Anderson accepted arguments that the current practice violated both the Charter guarantees to freedom of religion and to equal treatment under the law. But he found that the infringement of rights was "saved by Section 1" of the Charter. That section permits the "reasonable" limitation of rights "as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society."

The provincial government can take steps to further public school education and it is not unreasonable for it to be concerned that funding non-Catholic independent schools could put that system in question, Justice Anderson said.

The court also denied a request for school health support services, finding that speech therapy and other services could be considered part of schools' educational services and subject to the same legal reasoning that restricted education funding.

Segal said it could be another one-and-a-half to two years before the Ontario Court of Appeal renders a decision and another year or more for a final judgement, should the case go to the Supreme Court of Canada.

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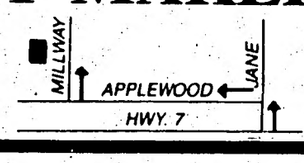

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Israel may lift ban on contact with PLO

ROME (JTA) —

Israel's new government will move to decriminalize contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told an Italian newspaper that the government would propose legislation, when the Knesset reconvenes in October, lifting the six-year ban on contacts between Israelis and the PLO.

But in an interview with the Rome newspaper *Il Messaggero*, Peres played down the likelihood of any future meeting with PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

"We don't need theatrics," Peres said. "We need progress. I understand why (Arafat) is interested (in a meeting) but I don't see what benefit there would be."

In Jerusalem, the Justice Ministry said it was drafting an amendment to a 1986 law that forbids contact with terrorist organizations, including the PLO.

"We have a deep obligation to change this stupid law," Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told Israel Radio. "Everyone thinks this law is idiotic, that you cannot meet with someone connected the Palestine National Council (a PLO body) even if he is a professor in a Washington university."

In his interview, Peres expressed optimism about the next round of Middle East peace talks, due to convene in Washington Aug. 24.

"Agreement on elections (in the territories) will be enough to improve the climate," he said. "The emphasis (at the talks) will be on that point. We want to settle on a precise date."

Peres said the government's commitment to curtail settlement-building in the territories would benefit the negotiation process.

"The talks will not be accompanied by an expansion of settlements in the territories and, certainly, the general climate will profit from this," he said.

Unlike the brief sessions and long breaks of previous rounds, this one is scheduled to continue until Sept. 23, with only one break for the Labor Day holiday.

Talks would reconvene after the High Holidays, possibly in Rome or Cairo.

Peres also said that despite the long-standing antagonism between himself and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, he did not foresee problems.

"We have been rivals for a long time, but we are loyal, and in this moment, the most important thing is the peace process, not the exaltation of our respective egos," he said.

Families torn by civil strife

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Association has rounded up adopted families to host the children on Shabbat and- holidays. Even the army has pitched in by sending women soldiers to provide extra help in Hebrew and act as big sisters when necessary.

But, still, there are always a few children who cry themselves to sleep at night.

"Many of them thought they were coming here for a summer vacation," notes Tomy Schossberger, head of the Yugoslavian Immigrants' Association. "Their parents assumed that the war would be over soon and they would send for their children."

In fact, most of the youngsters have return tickets to Yugoslavia, and are in Israel on "tourist" visas, rather than immigrant ones. In this respect, the Yugoslavian operation is unique in the annals of Youth Aliya's history. The arm of the Jewish Agency, which launched its first rescue mission in Nazi Germany in the 30's has never before been called upon to save Jewish "tourists."

However, after some disagreement over the issue, Jewish Agency chairman Simha Dinitz prevailed in his view that the Yugoslavian children be brought to Israel as soon as possible even if they do not intend to stay.

Some are still sitting on their suitcases. Fifteen-year-old Boyan Ripp came to Israel two months ago because "the shooting in Sarajevo was very bad." His parents managed to find refuge in Slovenia. Asked whether he intends to stay in Israel, Boyan shrugs his shoulders and says, "My parents will have to decide that."

To date, about 400 members of Yugoslavia's Jewish population of 5,000 have immigrated to Israel since the outbreak of hostilities in July of 1991. (An additional 100 young people, who are officially in Israel as "tourists," are living on kibbutzim.)

Another 300 adults, mostly from Sarajevo, say that they too are now ready to come and are expected to be evacuated shortly (as a result of a recent agreement with all fighting forces to allow them to leave safely). But many Jews are still reluctant to part.

"Nearly all the Jews in Yugoslavia are academics," notes Mordecai Tako, head of the WIZO school at Nahalat Yehuda. "They're afraid they won't find work in Israel."

There is also a very high rate of intermarriage among the country's Jews, making aliya more difficult to contemplate. And many just feel attached to their homes; they're hoping the winds of war will blow over.

"I asked my mother to come join me in Israel," says 17-year-old Alex Kamchi. "But she has her home, her job, her mother and her sister — all in Sarajevo. Frankly, I don't think she'll ever come here," he says. But Alex, one of the youngsters at the Nahalet Yehuda Youth Village, has no doubts about his future.

"I'm staying here no matter what happens," he says, noting that if he were to return to Bosnia he'd soon be drafted. "I'd be the only Jew in a Muslim army." As for serving in the Israeli army, "that's fine," he says. "I have always wanted to live in Israel."

Tamara agrees. "Coming to Israel has been my dream for a long time," she says, brushing back her large blonde bottle curls. "But my parents thought I was too young until now," says the 22-year-old graduate of economics and computer sciences.

Since Tamara's university was destroyed, she has no documents to prove that she ever studied. "Those three years are worthless now," she says, quickly adding, "but that doesn't matter. I'll start all over. This time I'll study something new, something different — fashion design," she giggles, then adds in a more serious tone: "I want to start a new life. I want to forget everything that was before, espcially this war."

Some children still harbor hopes of returning to what was once their home. On his first visit to the Western Wall, one boy from the group stuffed a note inside a crack in the ancient stones.

It's a prayer for peace in Sarajevo, he said. But with each day that passes, his note seems more of a wistful hope, as the reality — that there is no going back — begins to dawn on the children of Sarajevo.

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Ethnic cleansing term causes grave concerns

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However, the ministry of information of the Republic of Serbia, denied the allegations. "All the stories about death camps on Serbian territories in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where Muslims are massacred, are pure fabrications," said a statement issued in Belgrade. "Such camps do not exist, but only jails for the captured members of the Muslim military forces."

Serbia claimed that "since the beginning of the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Muslim/Croat forces established about 40 concentration camps for Serbs on the territory of this former Yugoslav republic. Some 42,000 innnocent Serb civilians are being held prisoner in these camps and. . . over 6,000 Serbs, mostly women and children, have been liquidated in 17 camps alone."

But Jewish groups in North America were discounting Serbian denials.

"What got us particularly concerned was the talk of 'ethnic cleansing', " said B'nai Brith spokesman Ian Kagedan. "The very term is transparent and causes grave concerns."

Jews have a particular interest because "we have an experience of being singled out and deported. . . We know what it's like when no-one is paying attention to this sort of situation. We lost one-third of our people in concentration camps."

Kagedan said B'nai Brith has urged the prime minister to call for a UN inquiry into human rights conditions in Yugoslavia.

It is also calling on the government to make sure that the perpetrators of atrocities not be allowed into Canada, as were Nazi war criminals following World War II. He also said a mechanism such as an international tribunal should be established to deal with war crimes.

In the United States, the American Jewish Congress called upon President Bush "along with other Western leaders, to demand that inspections be allowed by the Serbian government" of alleged concentration camps.

"The refusal by Serbian authorities to allow inspection by the International Red Cross raises fears that the reports of atrocities at these camps may be true," AJC stated.

A statement released by AJC said that "should the Serbians persist in their refusal to open these camps to international inspection, we urged President Bush to take whatever action is necessary — including the use of military intervention in concert with either the UN or other UN member nations in the region — to open these camps and put and end to these atrocities."

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee reported that 400 Jews remain in Bosnia-Herzegovina after an airlift in early May of 600 Jews and 80 non-Jewish children to Belgrade. The planes flew out of the Sarajevo airport, which was open at the time.

Quebec neo-Nazi gathering draws fewer than expected

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The first known major neo-Nazi gathering in Quebec, which drew about 70 participants to a farmer's field in the lower Laurentian community of La Plaine, was smaller than Canadian Jewish Congress had feared.

The weekend event, closely monitored by police, was without incident, although two persons were reportedly arrested for possessing drugs. The young men, many looking like teenagers, wore the boots and cropped haircuts favored by skinheads, or khaki clothing and Confederate army insignia used by the KKK.

They camped out in tents and festooned their field with Confederate, swastika and Iron Cross flags.

They kept to themselves and were hostile to anyone who attempted to enter the private property. Nic Pouliot of the Ligue Antifasciste Mondiale (LAM), who monitored the event throughout and even flew over the site in a helicopter, saw a cross burned on the Saturday night. He also heard a rock band play and some primitive chanting, extolling "white power."

By mid-afternoon Sunday there was no trace of the event.

He estimates about 20 percent came from outside Quebec, mainly Ontario.

Quebec region community relations director Jack Jedwab said he thought up to 250 would come to the event, billed as an "Aryan festival," because information about it had circulated in Ottawa and Toronto, and on at least one white supremacist telephone line in the United States.

He believes the media attention the anticipated gathering received, generated largely by the action of Sorel area citizens, discouraged a bigger turnout.

CJC had no information on who owned the farmland used, but at least one Montreal newspaper published the owner's name and quoted him as saying that he had no personal connection with any neo-Nazi organization.

The days preceding the gathering, apparently organized by the Ku Klux Klan's Quebec branch and White Power Canada, which has a Hull address, were filled with speculation about whether it would take place and, if so, where.

In early July, the provincial police, the Surete du Quebec, announced that they had information that no neo-Nazi rally would take place in Sorel, although they did not rule out one being held elsewhere in the province.

In May, LAM, essentially a Montreal anti-racist group whose youthful members claim inside information, released to the media a flier from the KKK and WPC, inviting participation in the "Festival Aryen" July 31-Aug. 2. No location was given; a Montreal Post/Office box was provided for applications.

The Sorel, or more precisely the neighboring tiny community of Ste. Anne de Sorel, was singled out by LAM as the probable site, their evidence being the presence of a KKK youth corps in the area and suspicion that the teenaged son of a Hell's Angels member was the organizer. The Hell's Angels, which has a base in Sorel, quickly denied any connection.

With encouragement of LAM and CJC, a citizens' committee was formed in the Sorel area, encompassing a broad spectrum of community groups, and a petition opposing the neo-Nazi festival and denouncing racism and hate propaganda circulated. The petition, with over 12,000 signatures, was submitted to Public Security Minister Claude Ryan's office, asking him to take the threat of organized racism seriously. Rejeanne Salvail, mayor of Ste. Anne (pop. 2,900), took the lead in the campaign.

The festival was also strongly denounced by the mayors of the 15 municipalities in the Bas-Richelieu region, which encompasses Sorel, an industrial town just over an hour northeast of Montreal.

An "anti-racist spectacle" featuring three minor musical bands was organized by LAM in nearby Tracy on the Friday night. Legendary Quebec singer and nationalist Gilles Vigneault sent a letter of support to the people of Sorel, as did Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner.

In June, Ryan had said in the National Assembly that the gathering could not be legally prevented because of the constitutional guarantees of freedom of assembly and expression. Ryan did follow through on a promise of close police surveillance of any neo-Nazi event that might be held.

Pouliot said every car coming onto the site was checked by police, who remained close by throughout.

BB, Congress react to rally

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith went their separate ways in countering the threat of a neo-Nazi rally in Quebec.

BB, which had been silent on the matter for a couple of months, changed its public position just two days before it began. The organization's government relations director Ian Kagedan had said in early July that, based on its information, he doubted such an event would take place.

However, on July 29, BB announced it had "new information" from the RCMP and "other police and security officials", along with the discovery of fliers advertising the rally in Toronto and Montreal, leading to the conclusion that a white supremacist rally would take place that weekend in Quebec.

Late Friday afternoon, a quickly assembled group of BB members held a demonstration outside a snack bar/bingo hall in Laval, which was believed to be the rendez-vous point where participants would be informed of the location of the rally.

They joined forces with a few members of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice, including its leader Martin Theriault, a Montreal group which, like the Ligue Antifasciste Mondiale, claims to gather intelligence on racist activity.

About 10 young men and adolescents could be spotted at the time in the restaurant or milling around in the field across the street.

The youths looked on, some concealing their faces, as the BB demonstrators, many older Holocaust survivors or war veterans, marched across the street carrying Canadian and Quebec flags and placards denouncing racism — all in pouring rain and unseasonable cold.

BB League for Human Rights national chairman Stephen Scheinberg said through a megaphone that, "The KKK stands for criminals, crazies and misguided kids. Their decision to meet in Quebec in no way reflects on the citizens of our province.

Neo-Nazi rallies have increased around the world. [I.P.P.A. photo]

"It does, however, reflect on the failure of the Quebec government and the justice minister [Gil Remillard] in particular, to vigorously prosecute the purveyors of hate propaganda."

Although "marginal" and "simple-minded," these racist groups do represent a danger to society, he said.

The weekend rally, he continued, was "directly attributable to the failure to aggressively prosecute the Klan and its allies by all legal means."

In a letter, BB asked Public Security Minister Claude Ryan to have police on the alert for any firearms or dissemination of hate propaganda at the rally, as well as to be vigilant for any attacks against Jewish targets after the event.

CJC went ahead with an "anti-racist forum" in Sorel on the Sunday morning, despite the fact that it was known the rally was taking place in La Plaine, about an hour away.

CJC Quebec region chairman Manuel Shacter said the forum was "an expression of solidarity" by CJC with the people of Sorel for their quick mobilization against a possible racist event in their area.

MOSHIACH MATTERS

A LETTER OF CONSOLATION

Last Shabbos was "Shabbos Chazon," the Shabbos preceding the fast day of Tisha B'Av, when we mourn the destruction of the Beis Hamikdosh, the Sanctuary in Jerusalem. We bring you a free translation and adaptation of a letter of condolence written by the Lubavitcher Rebbe *Shlita* to one of the renowned generals of Israel's army.

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This is no attempt to minimize the extent of your pain and grief, and I, too, share in your sorrow, though I am so far from you.

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Even in such a great tragedy as this, solace can be found in the words of our traditional expression of consolation to mourners — an expression which has become hallowed by the law and tradition of many generations of our people. "May the Almighty comfort you among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem." We may ask, why mention those who mourn for "Zion and Jerusalem" when comforting an individual on his personal loss? A deeper analysis will, however, reveal that the mourner will find comfort precisely in this comparison of his loss with the Destruction and exile of Zion, for several reasons.

First, the mourning over the Destruction of Zion and Jerusalem is shared by Jews the world over. It is true that those who live in Jerusalem and actually see the Western Well and our Beis Hamikdosh in ruins feel the anguish more deeply, but even those who live far away feel sorrow. Similarly, the grief-stricken individual or family will find solace in the thought that "all the children of Israel are as one complete whole", that their sorrow is shared by *all* our people.

Second, we have perfect confidence that G-d will rebuild the ruins of Zion and Jerusalem; He will gather the dispersed remnants of Israel from the ends of the earth through our righteous Moshiach, and bring them in gladness to witness the joy of Zion and Jerusalem. We are equally confident that G-d will fulfil His promise that "... the dwellers of dust (the dead) shall awake and give praise." Great indeed will be the happiness and rejoicing then, when all will meet together after the Revival of the Dead.

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Third, the Babylonians and the Romans were able to destroy only the Beis Hamikdosh of wood and stone, of gold and silver, but they could not harm the inner "Beis Hamikdosh" in the heart of every Jew, for it is eternal. In the very same way, the hand of death can touch only the body, but the *soul* is eternal; it has simply ascended to the World of Truth. Every good deed we do in accordance with the will of G-d, the Giver of life, adds to the merit of the departed soul, as well as to its spiritual welfare.

May it be G-d's will that you and your family know no more pain and distress. May you find true comfort and solace in your communal endeavours, defending the Holy Land, the land "...over which G-d your L-rd watches from the beginning of the year until the end of the year", as well as in those endeavours of your private life — observing the Mitzva of Tefillin, one Mitzva bringing another, and yet another, in its train.

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This is the Bar Mitzvah of Steven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Avrum Green, in Beth Ezekiel Synagogue in Owen Sound, a Heritage building. Owen Sound has had a lively Jewish community since the turn of the century, and although many families moved away in the 40s and 50s it is now growing again as young families discover the values of a quieter life.

Owen Sound community traces links to 19th century

By BEN ROSE

OWEN SOUND — In this pleasant Georgian Bay city of 22,000, the Jewish community can trace its roots back to 1890 when a bris, peformed by a mohel brought in from Toronto, took place.

Mike Rabovsky, a clothing store owner, whose father, Nathan, came to Owen Sound in 1908, to work as a laborer in the grain elevators, said the Owen Sound newspaper of the time gave the bris feature treatment.

Rabovsky's uncle Max was already here when Nathan left his job as a miner in Timmins to join him. Nathan later peddled, sold second hand furniture and then new furniture.

Another pioneer was Isaac Cadesky, a peddler and scrap merchant. Nathan, who owns a clothing store, married Goldie Cadesky in 1908.

An Israeli-born woman, Alissa Van Wyck, who married a lake freighter captain, is president of Beth Ezekiel, the Owen Sound synagogue.

"My husband, Syd, did not convert to Judaism but our 8-year-old son, Elan, is being raised as a Jew," Van Wyck said.

She met her husband when she was a cook on a lake freighter for three years. Though a teacher, and a graduate of McGill University, she could not get a job in her field at that time. The Van Wycks have been in Owen Sound for 13 years.

The Owen Sound Jewish community has a few other mixed marriages among its 15 families and they have been welcomed and integrated according to Joyce Herman, the synagogue's former president. Her husband, Joseph, is an optometrist and they are originally from Toronto.

Though the commmunity reached 30 to 35 families in the 1950s, many people moved away and it shrunk to less than half its former size. But, according to Herman and Rabovsky, it is increasing slowly again and it has more people now than 10 years ago.

Owen Sound is a great place to live for people looking for Jewish identification, said Avrum Green, director of psychology at the Grey-Bruce Regional Health Centre, who has lived there since 1978. He and his wife, Emmy, a native of Romania, lived in Montreal before he attended the University of Waterloo. The Greens lived in St. Catharines for three years before moving to Owen Sound.

Their daughter, Karen, 21, a fourth year honors psychology student at the University of Western Ontario, is currently visiting Israel and their son, Steven, 15, attends West Hill High School.

When he prays at Beth Ezekiel, Green said he feels close to those near him in the sanctuary in the shul which was purchased in 1946 and which was declared a Heritage building last year. It was formerly the Calvary Church built in 1905.

"In some large synagogues all you get to see is the cantor's cap."

The community is not large enough to hold regular minyans but when one is needed for a yurtzeit or a simcha enough people are rounded up. On the High Holy Days a cantor is brought in from outside to lead the services. A Hebrew class is held once a week conducted by Daryl Vernon of Toronto.

"There is a considerable number of Jews in the summer communities near Thornbury and one day I had a call to see if a man could come here for his yurtzeit," recalled Rabovsky. "I said I would do the best I could and suggested he round up some people too. When I arrived at the shul there were 15 men waiting on the lawn that the mourner had brought with him."

Isaac Cadesky, one of the founders of the Owen Sound Jewish community, who died at age 95, his wife Esther, and their daughter, Sarah, the latter still living in Owen Sound.

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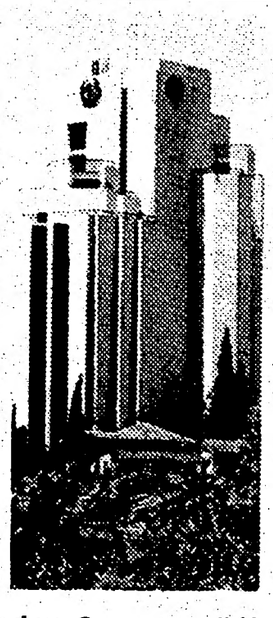

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New Network director to reach out to students

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

You might expect the newly appointed national director of Network Canada, the politically oriented activist group of Jewish university students and the Canadian arm of WUJS (World Union of Jewish Students), to be picking up workwise where he left off in his university days. In Sim (short for Simeon) Olsberg's case, however, you'd be wrong.

Although Olsberg's curriculum vitae includes an impressive list of extra-curricular activities from his days at the University of Toronto — president of the History Students' Union, treasurer of the French Course Union, associate editor of the Trinity College yearbook, to name a few positions he held in one academic year — as a student he couldn't muster the time or interest to get involved with Network or the Jewish Students' Union at the university.

A six-day trip to Israel in January 1990 changed all that. The trip, a joint pilot program of Network and United Israel Appeal (UIA), was called Homeward Bound. It was Olsberg's first visit to Israel.

Although his reasons for taking the trip were just "to see Israel and to learn about Israel" at an affordable price (the trip was heavily subsidized by UIA), he was moved in a way he didn't expect and returned to Israel that summer on the 10-month Otzma Leadership Training Fellowship. He ended up staying until March of this year.

Olsberg's mettle was tested at the time of the Gulf War, when Otzma was officially dissolved and participants were strongly advised to return home. "I knew I couldn't leave Israel," Olsberg told *The CJN* in a recent interview at Network's Bathurst Street office above Daiter's Creamery. "I was there to help Israel. I couldn't run out when the going got tough."

Simeon Olsberg

Participants who decided to remain in Israel regrouped as "Davka," the Hebrew word with no English equivalent, probably best translated as a strong mix of "exactly because" and "in spite of."

Olsberg's stay in Israel included three months learning Hebrew on a kibbutz, two months working with underprivileged children, and a stint with the IDF on the Marva basic training course.

Although his duties these days are different, they're underscored by the same devotion to Israel. As the only paid employee of Network, Olsberg is responsible for co-ordinating all Network activities on about 20 Canadian university campuses. He explained that Network's role is to work in concert with individual Jewish student organizations on campus, partly by acting as a resource for programming ideas, partly as a complementary organization with a more activist bent. He emphasized that Network does not subscribe to any particular religious or political philosophy.

Major annual Network activities include a national convention and three regional conventions, as well as a summer Leadership Training Seminar in Israel.

Because of his own background, Olsberg, who comes from "a fairly traditional Jewish home," is acutely aware of the need to reach out to uninvolved students. "We know there are 30,000 Jewish students out there [at Canadian universities]." Most are not involved, he says, although technically every Jewish university student is a member of Network.

"We want to educate people as to how important their Jewishness is," says Olsberg. "I'd love to see an annual Homeward Bound trip, even if it's only for first-year students."

Closer to home, Olsberg wants to serve students' needs in areas such as combatting anti-Semitism on campus.

He replaces Tannis Weinstein, who left for Israel last month to pursue a graduate degree at Tel Aviv University.

Hebrew University Friends starts chapter in Victoria

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

With the launch of a chapter in Victoria, the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University "has now reached the outermost limits of Canada," said the national president of the CHFU, Stephen Lipper, of Montreal, when he recently addressed the first event of the Victoria organization.

Members of the Vancouver chapter were on hand for the occasion and messages were received from chapters all across Canada, said Aileen Barer, who with Chuck Waldman organized Victoria. Barer is a veteran Hadassah-WIZO member and Waldman has been handling the Vancouver Island United Israel Appeal campaign for a number of years.

Reviewing the achievements of the Hebrew University, Lipper said its objectives are excellence, to be the national university of the State of Israel, and to serve as the university of the Jewish people everywhere.

He said excellence "is the cornerstone of Hebrew U" and it ranks with the world's top universities.

Lipper praised the extensive research programs at the university and had special praise for the work of the department of agriculture, which recently marked its 50th anniversary. As a result of the department's research, Israel exports $20 million worth annually of special Israeli-developed tomato seeds. More than 200 million flowers are exported every year.

As a sideline, agriculture department researchers discovered that mobiles used in baby cribs can also be used in chicken coops so that chickens peck at them, instead of each other. "The chickens are happier," Lipper said, "and the production of eggs is way up." The idea has been sold to other countries.

Another different discovery is that fish that survive in Arctic waters have genes "with built-in anti-freeze." This has been extracted and is applied to trees and other growing items enabling them to survive cold winter months.

Shimon Arbel, Toronto, executive vice-president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, said the university "is doing exciting things" for new immigrants to Israel. He said about 800 Russian students take a year's training to acclimatize them to Israel and to prepare them for entry into the various courses offered.

Arbel said Hebrew U "symbolizes the kind of Israel all Israelis dream about — an oasis of sanity in a troubled land." He said Jews, Moslems and Christians all study there and "it's a symbol of what Israel could do in the entire Middle East."

Jews as well as non-Jews from all over the world are encouraged to study there and about 100 Canadian students attend every year. He estimates that 6,000 Canadians have already studied at Hebrew U and have formed a giant alumnae association.

There is a formal exchange of faculty with leading Canadian universities and an informal arrangement with others.

Hebrew University has the largest department devoted to Canadian studies outside of Canada, he said.

Arbel mentioned that in his recent acceptance speech as Democratic candidate for the United States presidency, Bill Clinton said the University of Arkansas had adopted a mother-and-child study program which is used all over the world. This program, said Arbel, was developed in Israel.

Dr. Jerry Hamovich, president of the Vancouver chapter, brought greetings from his city and promised to help Victoria in its organizational planning.

A presentation was made to Victoria's Aileen Barer for her efforts in organizing the chapter by Stella Heller, 83, the first president of the Vancouver chapter. Mrs. Heller's husband was present at the groundbreaking of the university's Mount Scopus campus in 1925.

Dvori Balshine, executive director of the CHFU Pacific region, is helping the Victoria chapter in its organizational drive.

Athletes ready for Maccabi

VANCOUVER —

About 45 Jewish athletes have applied to the British Columbia region of Maccabi Canada to participate in the 1993 Maccabiah Games in Israel, reports Ed Lewin, chairman of the region. A couple of the applicants are from Winnipeg and Calgary, which so far have no formal Maccabi setup.

Athletes who have submitted applications so far in British Columbia want to compete in rugby, cycling, softball, water skiing, judo, basketball, track and field, lawn bowling, tennis and golf. Although there are no specific qualifications spelled out, Lewin thinks that scratch golfers or better are the only ones who have a fighting chance to get on the golf team.

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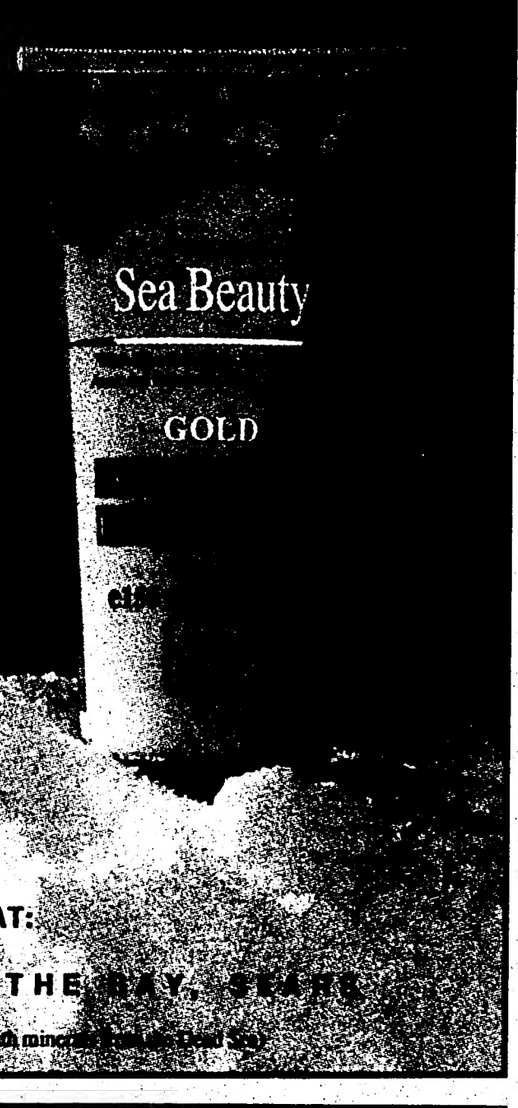

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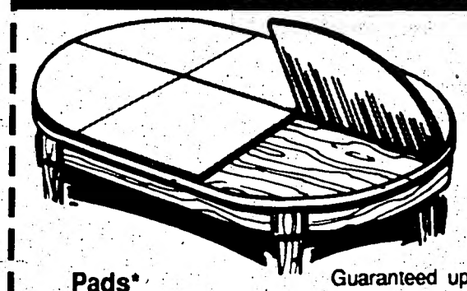

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Lubavitch moves welcome message

MONTREAL —

Lubavitch's billboard welcoming the Messiah has reappeared in a new location, not far from the north end of the Champlain bridge toward the Decarie exit.

The eye-catching yellow billboard, declaring Bienvenue le Moshiach, was on the Ville Marie expressway, near Decarie, for over two months.

Lubavitch's Rabbi Ronnie Fine said it is hoped the sign will attract a new audience, perhaps American tourists coming into Montreal this summer.

He described the response to the Moshiach sign as "phenomenal...We get over 20 calls a day, mainly from Jews, but also non-Jews."

The sign includes the phone number 344-CHABAD, which connects you to the Moshiach-Messiah Information Line. Callers can leave a message or dial another number for a recorded lecture on the topic of Moshiach.

"Every mitzvah, good deed we do brings the revelation of the Messiah closer," the tape concludes.

Rabbi Fine admits Lubavitch has also taken criticism, especially from mainline Orthodox rabbis. "But once we tell them about the results, they didn't have what to answer. There is no argument."

He tells about one young man, a visitor from Vancouver, who was so fascinated with the subject after being introduced to it via the sign, that he had a one-hour interview with Rabbi Fine, which the man videotaped.

Another story is about an 18-year-old French-Canadian boy who, after seeing the sign, got in touch with a Jewish woman who worked with his mother.

Through the woman's son, who is a Lubavitch worker in New Jersey, the young man obtained a video of Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson speaking, which he watched with about a dozen of his friends, Rabbi Fine said.

"The cost of the billboard has been worth every penny," he said. "Because it has aroused curiosity in people and our goal is to plant the seeds of Judaism wherever we can."

Some 25 classes on the topic of the coming of the Moshiach have been held in private homes this summer, and 80 percent of the participants are new contacts for Lubavitch, Rabbi Fine said. He thinks the billboard had a lot to do with it.

Montreal is the only Canadian city so far putting up such a billboard, but several U.S. Lubavitch communities are using the medium.

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CZF convention is planned for 1993

MONTREAL —

Kurt Rothschild, National President of the Canadian Zionist Federation, has announced that at a recent meeting of the CZF National Cabinet, a decision was taken to hold the 7th National CZF Convention in Montreal, Quebec, on Sunday and Monday, May 16 and 17, 1993.

The Convention, which is always an important and significant event in the life of Canadian Zionists, will focus on a review of past activities and chart the course of future efforts to strengthen the State of Israel and the Canadian Jewish Community.

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Montreal developer David Azrieli gives an obviously-impressed Mikhail Gorbachev a peek at a typical selection of foods native Israeli shoppers can choose at his Canion-Ayalon mall.

Gorby visits Azrieli's mall

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

When Montreal developer David Azrieli went to Israel last month, he never thought part of his visit would include giving former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev a personal look at Azrieli-style free enterprise in action.

But that's just what happened when Azrieli, who is famous in Israel for establishing the Jewish State's first modern indoor shopping malls, suddenly got word that Gorbachev wanted to see his successful Israeli commercial venture.

Gorbachev, it seems, had heard of Azrieli's mall and he made a spontaneous, specific request to see it, Azrieli recounted on return. "He wanted to see, 'where's the beef.' This was not part of his official schedule," he said.

For the Montreal developer, getting to Gorbachev in Ramat Gan took a little high-speed manoeuvring.

In Israel to establish a chair named for him during a Technion University board of governors meeting, Azrieli was en route with his wife Stephanie to Jerusalem to deliver the keynote address at the third Israeli Business Forum when he received a telephone call in his car somewhere near Chadera.

Azrieli notified Jerusalem that he would be delayed and he and his wife sped off to his Ramat Gan mall, about a 40-minute drive away, where Gorbechev was due to arrive.

"Luckily," says Azrieli, "I was already wearing a tie."

Not unpredictably, the former Soviet leader, himself in Israel for a highly-publicized first-time trip to accept honorary degrees at Technion and Bar-Ilan universities, was surrounded by a phalynx of security. None of the tenants at the mall got advance notice of Gorbachev's visit and when he got there, relates Azrieli, they and shoppers got so excited they rushed towards him.

Azrieli got to spend about 40 minutes accompanying Gorbachev personally through the mall, speaking to him through a translator and in somewhat rusty Russian.

For Azrieli, it was an "enormous thrill" to get a chance to meet the former Soviet leader, who himself was most impressed by the huge variety of goods, especially the foods at a delicatessen.

What gave Azrieli the most satisfaction was that Gorbachev came to Israel and saw the Jewish state "through something I created."

The former Soviet leader also exchanged some words with a few of the 200 Russian immigrants who work at the Canion mall.

Azrieli said Gorbachev seemed "genuinely interested" to see how things worked there.

And true to form, he displayed the "remarkable charisma" that marked his tenure as among the most notable figures of the century.

Jews trickling out of Syria

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Almost 600 Jews have left Syria — although some families are not being allowed to depart as a unit — since authorities in Damascus announced in April that they would allow travel privileges, according to a Canadian Jewish official.

"There are some families which are forced to break up, and there is no rationale to the decision," said Judy Feld Carr, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress' national task force for Syrian Jews.

About 25-to-40 Jews a week have been leaving Damascus, she added.

The Canadian government has been extremely helpful in assisting Syrian Jewry in the travel arrangements, Feld Carr said. Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs Barbara McDougall recently told the Canadian Jewish Congress' national plenary that the embassy in Damascus was monitoring the situation closely.

"Some of the younger members of the [Syrian Jewish] community have gone to Canada to further their education," she said. "Others are staying with relatives in New York's Brooklyn [Syrian Jewish] community. Yet others are in hotels in New York, financed by the Sephardi Bikur Holim Organization and Nyana (New York Association of New Americans)."

She said there are absorption problems among the new arrivals in New York, "because many are coming without any means whatsoever. They have large families and no employment in their fields."

The number of Jews left in Syria is estimated at between 3,200 and 3,900, she said. "The vast majority will probably utilize the travel privileges, but some of those who do not have relatives abroad may have qualms about leaving and starting a new life," Feld Carr said.

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According to a report released by Amnesty International last week, thousands of political prisoners remain in Syrian jails, where many have been tortured and some have died.

Although some 2,000 prisoners were unexpectedly released at the end of last year and earlier this year, thousands of political prisoners remain in detention without trial. Hundreds of political suspects — including human rights activists — have since been arrested, and some are still being held. Ten human rights workers are serving prison terms of up to 10 years after unfair trials in March this year.

"Despite the welcome releases, nothing has been done to end the grave violations of political prisoners' rights which have persisted in Syria for nearly 30 years," says Amnesty International. "The presidential pardons granted in the last seven months do not redeem the country's record on human rights.

"We hoped earlier this year that Syria was beginning to right past wrongs and that international law would at last be respected. But despite recent releases, prisoners of conscience remain locked up. Despite its official prohibition, torture is still rife. This has been the pattern of human rights violations for 30 years. Where is the change?"

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Politics and pathos is high on the agenda at the 32nd WZO

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

When all is said and done, the 32nd World Zionist Congress will be remembered for two things: politics and pathos.

At the gala kick-off, both were very much in evidence. Some 3,000 Jewish delegates, alternates and observers, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and President Chaim Herzog, enjoyed a moving salute to the Jewish Agency-World Zionist Organization and its accomplishments, particularly in the field of aliyah.

There were cheers when a huge video screen showed family reunions between Ethiopian immigrants and their loved ones already in Israel. There were tears when 10-year-old Blanca, whom the Jewish Agency had airlifted to Israel from war-torn Yugoslavia a few months ago, stood onstage and heard her father's far-away voice by live telephone hook-up.

The audience watched, spellbound, as an El Al jet loaded with new immigrants touched down, live, at Ben-Gurion Airport. Thanks to some technical wizardry, members of the audience were able to talk to the passengers of flight 660, who were still standing on the tarmac.

"Welcome to Israel," Herzog's voice boomed out to Yuli, an immigrant from the former Soviet Union. "In a short time you will be settled, integrated, absorbed into Israel society. But it will take some time."

Looking a bit overwhelmed to be speaking to the president, Yuli mustered up some basic Hebrew and replied, "I'm very happy to be here together with my family. I am sure that everything will be fine."

For the evening's finale, dozens of student delegates marched down the aisles carrying Israeli flags. When it was over, Shauna Kaufman, a 21-year-old student from Toronto, said she was "unbelievably excited" to be taking part in the congress.

"I'm only an alternate, but it's still rewarding to see such an international group of Jews in one room," she said.

The Binyanei Ha'uma Convention Center, where the congress was convened, resembled the United Nations. In all, more than 700 delegates and 1,000 alternates and observers from 31 countries had come to make Zionist history.

Eastern Europe was represented for the first time in decades and the former Soviet republics sent delegates for the first time since 1917. Another first was the participation of student delegates from around the world.

The elections for the WZO chairmanship and the members of the Zionist Executive provided the day's main drama.

In a surprise move, the Likud faction caucus endorsed Knesset member Ronni Milo for the position of Jewish Agency treasurer, a slot given to the Likud under the coalition agreement. Ruby Rivlin, who served in the outgoing Knesset and was identified with former Foreign Minister David Levy's faction of the Likud, had been considered the odds-on favorite.

Milo's tenure in the treasurer's post, however, depends on the agreement of the Diaspora fundraisers who are partners with the WZO in the Jewish Agency. Because the WZO chairman and treasurer also hold those posts for the Jewish Agency, their election must be ratified by an advise-and-consent committee of the United Israel Appeal and the Keren Hayesod.

Insiders say that when the committee meets in November, it may veto Milo unless he agrees to step down from the Knesset.

Following the vote, Milo, who heads the World Likud faction in the WZO, told the press, "I was very surprised by the outcome. The faction felt it was important to fill the treasury post as soon as possible and it started to put pressure on me." He added, "If Rivlin gets the American's consent, he can have the job in November."

Simcha Dinitz

The delegates also re-elected Simcha Dinitz for another four-year term as WZO chairman, but the proceedings did not go smoothly.

Dinitz, who scored a 382-101 victory over his rival, Rabbi Richard Hirsch, had been considered a shoo-in. But the Reform Zionist movement went ahead and fielded its own candidate, Hirsch. With the support of the left-wing Ratz and Shinui blocs, the group was able to put Dinitz and his Labor bloc on the defensive.

Hirsch's campaign stemmed from the decision last year by all American Zionist organizations, except for the Association of Reform Zionists of America, that one-person, one-vote elections to determine the American delegation to the congress were unnecessary. Such elections were held in 1987 at a cost of over $1 million. After months of acrimonious deliberations, the Zionist Supreme Court ruled that this year's American delegation should reflect the results of the 1987 balloting.

On the third floor of the convention center, representatives from both sides feverishly attempted to avert a public confrontation. The elections, which had been set for 10 a.m., were postponed until 4 p.m. to give the negotiating teams more time to reach a compromise.

Hirsch's people said he would withdraw his candidacy on one condition: Dinitz had to agree, in writing, to direct elections for the next congress. Dinitz refused, and the conflict went public. At 4 o'clock, Hirsch officially declared his candidacy to boos and shouts from the audience.

He told the gathering, "The WZO must not merely represent the strength of the various political parties, but also the real strength of the various religious streams in the Diaspora. If there are no elections, what is the point of the consensus?"

When Dinitz's turn came, he took an indirect swipe at Hirsch's candidacy. He told the audience, "I am sorry. I had hoped we could spend the entire congress discussing pragmatic issues, ways to solve our problems."

In a more conciliatory tone, he said, "I hope the Reform movement will join the Zionist consensus. I propose that we set aside two Executive seats for the Reform movement, with the hope that they will join our wall-to-wall coalition."

Correction

The headline on the story about Steven Drysdale's appointment as executive director of Montreal's Federation CJA *(CJN,* July 23)) was misleading. Drysdale is not CJA director as the headline read. Danyael Cantor remains director of CJA — Combined Jewish Appeal.

The News in Brief

Immigration up

JERUSALEM — There was a 36.5 percent increase in the number of immigrants in July, as compared with the previous month, according to Jewish Agency Chairman Simha Dinitz. He said 6,575 immigrants arrived last month — 4,872 of them from the former Soviet Union — as compared with 4,812 in June. In May, the number of olim was even lower: 4,142.

This brings to 39,884 the number of olim who came here in the first seven months of the year.

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Jet sales in jeopardy

TEL AVIV — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is reconsidering plans to sell 40 Kfir jet planes to Taiwan as a result of pressures being exerted on him by the People's Republic of China.

Rabin met with senior Israeli officials to discuss the implications of going ahead with the deal, which is valued at $400 million.

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Rich getting richer

JERUSALEM — The income gap between the richest and the poorest members of society widened substantially last year, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics' annual survey of incomes.

The survey showed that while the average gross income of urban families headed by a salaried employee, in real terms, was virtually unchanged from 1990 to 1991, the income of the highest docile was 9.8 times that of the lowest docile last year, up from 8.9 times in 1990.

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Peres nephew killed

TEL AVIV — The nephew of Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was one of two Israelis killed in the Aug. 1 crash of a Thai Airways Airbus in the Himalayas.

Uzi Peres and Dr. Rafael Sharon were among the 113 people aboard the plane who were killed when it slammed into a forested mountainside in Nepal while enroute from Bangkok, Thailand, to Katmandu, Nepal.

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Ethiopian exodus ends

JERUSALEM — The exodus of Ethiopian Jewry officially came to an end July 27 when the last regular flight carrying 49 olim arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport.

The immigrants had lived in the remote Quara region. About 300 more Jews are thought to be living in villages which cannot be reached because of heavy rains. They are expected to leave on an individual basis in the autumn, flying to Israel via Europe, a Jewish Agency spokesman said.

Some 40,000 Jews have arrived from Ethiopia since the start of Operation Moses.

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Antibodies linked to Alzheimer's

TEL AVIV — Tel Aviv University researchers established that antibodies which normally protect people against bacteria, viruses and other parasites have an additional, undesired effect: when they overreact, they play a role in causing Alzheimer's disease, a fatal ailment which afflicts one out of 10 people 65 years old, or older.

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Equipment sold to Syria

TEL AVIV — Irrigation equipment designed and produced in an Israeli kibbutz has been sold to Syria.

Amir Lahav, a spokesman for Kibbutz Dorot, near Sderot in the northern Negev, said the kibbutz had received an inquiry from a sales agent in Western Europe regarding possible sales to Syria.

Two deals were made, for a total of $50,000, and the goods were shipped to Europe and presumably sent on to Syria. The kibbutz was paid in currency of the middleman.

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Harry Starr dead

NEW YORK — Harry Starr, a pioneer in Jewish studies at Harvard University and a lifelong supporter of Jewish scholarly pursuits, died July 25 in Gloversville, N.Y. He was 92 and had been in failing health for some time.

Along with his lifelong friend and colleague, Lucius Littauer, a U.S. congressman and patron of Jewish education, he helped found the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation in 1929.

The foundation provided money for Jewish studies programs at Harvard and other universities and helped fund scientific research and fiction writing, as well.

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Gaza produce banned

JERUSALEM — The Israeli government will not allow Gazan farmers to market their products in Israel, since these products would be in direct competition with Israeli products.

Instead, the Agriculture Ministry has pledged to help the Gazans export to Europe.

A ministry official explained that the cheap labor in Gaza makes their produce less expensive than Israeli produce. "There is already an abundance of local produce, and we would be shooting ourselves in the foot if we allowed them to sell in our market," the official remarked.

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Haifa subway to reopen

JERUSALEM — The Carmelit, Haifa's underground rail line that was shut down six years ago to correct security and safety problems, is to reopen this week following a $27 million renovation.

The city has renovated the tunnel and purchased four new air-conditioned cars for the line, which will be operated by a sophisticated computer. Tickets will be sold through automatic cashiers that will accept credit cards.

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WZO executive reorganized

JERUSALEM — The WZO Executive in Israel is to be reorganized, thus saving at least $1 million per year of the $25 million annual budget, Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz says. Instead of the current 10 portfolios, there would be only six, he said.

There will be 720 delegates with full voting rights at this week's 32nd Congress of the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem, but an additional 2,000 observers and aides will attend, Dinitz announced.

In addition, there will be 20 observers from thge CIS and another seven from other East European countries, Dinitz said, noting that it had been impossible to hold elections for delegates with full rights in those countries.

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Science museum opens

JERUSALEM — A mezuza that was taken on a U.S. space flight by Jewish astronaut Jeffrey Hoffman was affixed to the doorpost of the new Bernard Bloomfield Science Museum, which opened July 22 in Jerusalem.

The highlight of the outdoor ceremony was the viewing of a video message from astronaut Hoffman, who showed the vial-shaped mezuza that he had taken while circling the earth 109 times as a NASA astronaut.

The museum named for the Canadian philanthropist, is funded by Bloomfield's widow, Neri, and her Eldee Foundation, and was built by the Jerusalem Foundation under the auspices of the Hebrew University.

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Historian dead at 87

NEW YORK — Rae Dalven, historian of Greek Jews and Sephardic scholar, died here July 27 at the age of 87.

Dalven, a translator of modern Greek poets, was retired after serving as a profefssor of English literature and department chairman at Ladycliff College in Highland Falls, N.Y.

Dalven was also the editor of *The Sephardic Scholar*, the journal of the American Society of Sephardic Studies, and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Friends of the Jewish Museum in Greece.

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Israelis arrested for debt

JERUSALEM — Some 400,000 arrest warrants are issued each year against defaulting debtors and guarantors, and some 45,000 people are actually arrested, a senior police official told a Knesset law committee.

Some 70 percent of the warrants entail debts for under $500, the committee was told. Many of those arrested are in debt on account of non-payment of family maintenance, and they prefer to go to jail rather than pay, the police official noted.

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Roman city uncovered

HAIFA — Archeologists have uncovered the "extremely well-preserved" remains of what was once a thriving Roman city near the Banyas waterfall and springs on the Golan Heights.

After several seasons of excavations by Israel's Antiquities Authority, the ruins, rivaling those in Caesarea and Beit She'an, were unveiled to the public for the first time last week.

The city, known as Caesarea Philippi, was founded three years before the Common Era by Philippus, one of the three sons of Herod, and was the capital of northern Israel and parts of Lebanon. At its height, it had a population of up to 30,000 people.

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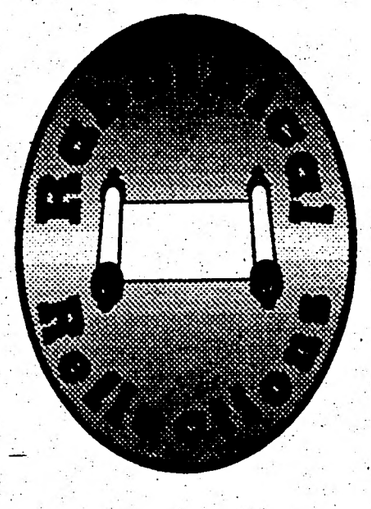

By RABBI PHILIP S. SCHEIM

The outset of this week was marked by the sadness of the Fast of Av, that day commemorating the abundance of calamity that has befallen us through history. Primarily, Tisha b'Av recalls the destruction of the First and Second Temples of old, events that could have brought Judaism to an abrupt end, were it not for the foresight and spiritual resourcefulness of our sages. In short, *Avodah*, the worship of the Almighty that had previously been expressed at the sacrificial altar, according to the sages, could be translated into *Avodah she-hi ba-lev*, worship based in the heart, in other words, prayer.

The three stories about prayer: First, that of a Jew unschooled in Hebrew, ignorant of the text of traditional prayer. What does he do in shul on Rosh Hashanah? He sits all day calling out the letters of the Alef-Bet, the Hebrew alphabet, and asks God to take his offering of letters and form his letters into words, and his words into prayers.

Second, the story of a farmer unable to read a single word in his Mahzor. In frustration, he throws his High Holy Day prayerbook out of the synagogue window. With eyes raised heavenward, he asks God to select the appropriate prayers from the Mahzor, and to apply them to his credit.

Third, the story of a young boy, mystified by the events surrounding him in shul. Wanting to pray, but unable to pray in the manner of those older worshippers seated alongside him, our child lets out a piercing whistle. The boy, of course, is scolded by his fellow worshippers, but the rebbe comes to the child's defence. Of all the thousands of prayers recited that day in shul, the congregation is told, it is this young boy's prayer that unquestionably will reach the gateway to heaven.

Three stories of Jews inarticulate in the language of formal prayer, who turn to their Maker in ways that offend the decorum of the synagogue, but in ways that immediately bridge the gap between man and God. We read these stories and our hearts are warmed. Can there be any doubt but that the alphabet offering of our first Jew, the Mahzor flung heavenward by our second Jew and the whistle of our child, are accepted gladly, and lovingly, by God? Indeed, were God to reject any of the three, we would be deeply discouraged if not downright angry at Him.

But how seriously are we prepared to take these stories? Seriously enough to encourage alphabet-shouting, Mahzor-flinging and whistling in shul?

In truth, these are important stories, not because we are meant to follow their example, but rather, because, like these three precious Jews, we are urged not to give up on prayer, even when prayer does not come easily. Sometimes our ability to pray is impeded by lack of knowledge or familiarity. Sometimes our prayers are obstructed by despair or crises of faith. Either way, our three Jews teach us not to give up. We need to find a way to allow that prayer to emerge, be it through advance preparation, be it through Hebrew study, be it through concerted effort to spend more time in shul in order to demystify and normalize the shul-time experience.

These three precious Jews of our stories teach us that there is never shame in having difficulty with synagogue prayer. There is only shame in not trying to pray. For it is largely through prayer that the link between generations is preserved and the continuity of tradition assured.

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Holocaust heroes receive help

NEW YORK —

They describe themselves as ordinary people. But during the Holocaust, they hid Jews in attics and closets for months or years, providing them with food, clothing, money and false papers. Risking prison, deportation and death, they sheltered desperate Jews from the Nazi storm, even raising Jewish children as their own. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL), through the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers/ADL, has announced a new program to help extraordinary people, many of whom are now aged, poor and forgotten.

"Fifty years ago there were men and women of both the Christian and Muslim faiths who risked their lives and those of their families to rescue Jews from the Nazi terror," said Robert I. Goldman, chair of the JFCR/ADL education committee.

In announcing the new program, Melvin Salberg, ADL national chairman, noted that "they saved the honor of humanity during this dark time and are owed the deepest gratitude from us all."

JFCR has created the new Honor-a-Rescuer Program to enable synagogues, Jewish groups and churches working with interfaith organizations to help JFCR/ADL provide modest monthly grants and special financial assistance to more than 1,000 needy rescuers in 15 different countries in North America, Western and Eastern Europe.

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In the United States, medical expenses often create hardships for elderly rescuers now living here. Many who came to this country fled hostile neighbors in their homeland, and arrived here without family and resources. The contributions mean they can now afford home care, health insurance premiums or basic living costs.

Organizations or individuals who choose to help are often given the name and address of a rescuer whom they can call, write or visit.

In addition, contributors receive informative JFCR/ADL materials on the rescuers, including *The Courage to Care*, a documentary video about several rescuers that was nominated for an Academy Award, and *Weapons of the Spirit*, the classroom version of the acclaimed documentary about the French village that sheltered 5,000 Jews. Other educational materials are available as well.

Founded in 1987, JFCR/ADL works closely with Yad Vashem, the official Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Israel, in documenting and verifying the rescuers.

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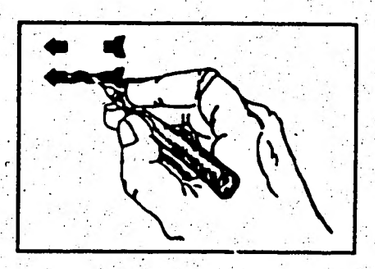

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Front Line

Yiddish literature an essential part of what we are

By RUTH WISSE

When I began to write a political column in the Montreal *Gazette* in 1988 and later in *The Canadian Jewish News*, I was asked by more than one person why I was straying from Yiddish literature, which is what I studied and what I teach. By way of reply I quoted Mel Brooks' Two-Thousand-Year-Old Man: "Fright." As fright had made him invent the wheel, so fright had propelled me into political journalism. But I might have added that my fright was instilled in me through the study of Yiddish literature.

At the words "Yiddish literature," many Jews break into a cosy smile. Yiddish suggests to them something not altogether serious, like a bubbe and zeyda who never learned to speak English properly, the fiddle-diddling of a klezmer band, or comedians of the Borscht Beit. Perhaps they remember a rendition of the songs *Mayn shtetele Beiz* or *Bay Mir Bistu Sheyn*. Because so much of the world of Yiddish has been destroyed or has passed us by, and because the Yiddish-speaking chassidic communities adopt the clothing of the past so that they should not be lured into the conflicts of modernity, Jews sentimentalize Yiddish as if it were pleasantly childlike.

This is not the Yiddish culture I know. Since the 1860s, hundreds of young writers and intellectuals took up Yiddish rather than Hebrew, Russian, German, or Polish (and there is hardly a modern Yiddish writer who could not have written in another language), to wrestle with the most serious challenge the Jews had ever faced in their long history. I don't mean the perennial woes of exile, poverty, discrimination, and persecution, but precisely the challenge which Chassidim try to guard against — of becoming part of a secular world. The essential quality of modern life is the irrelevance of God. It was this need to come to terms with a godless world that generated most of modern literature in Yiddish, as well as the popular culture that arose simultaneously.

Ruth R. Wisse

What Nietzsche called the death of God was experienced by ordinary people as greater trust in their own ability to figure things out and less obedience to religious imperatives. For the Jews — including those who continued to observe rituals — this meant a radical transformation. Even in the worst of times, Jews had been able to maintain their national dignity because they felt themselves contractually bound to the One God, Lord of Hosts, True Judge of the Universe, Who had guided their destiny from the outset and would lead them to messianic days. By contrast, the shrunken idea of God in the modern world could not be expected to protect the Jews from their multiplying enemies, nor to direct their spiritual life from within. Yiddish literature records the cultural and political struggle of European Jews as they faced the consequences of a secularized age.

At first, liberation from the authority of God felt like the ultimate freedom. People who placed their trust in reason, in their own human mind and will, made innumerable discoveries about the natural world and the animal kingdom. With greater self-reliance, they set about recording society, always in the name of what they called improvement. Many Jews, too, were inspired to seek new paths as part of their own need to improve humankind, or else in response to the hostility directed against them. Since Jews were made the guinea pigs of the worst of modern experiments, they were kept at the centre of history whether or not God had so intended it.

Yiddish literature explores, interprets, and expresses the creative life of European Jews and their descendants. It also records how Jews tried to overcome a new set of obstacles, and in what ways they succeeded and failed. We still inhabit the same world that inspired Yiddish literature, and although history never repeats itself in identical form, those modern Yiddish works point to many similarities between the first half of this century and the second. Some of the similarities strike such fear into my heart that I felt compelled to share my concerns with my fellow citizens and fellow Jews: we have to learn from the world of Yiddish how to avoid its fate.

Now that the time has come for me to take a short break from this column, the urgency of Yiddish literature will not let me stray very far from current political concerns. But the other side of fear is hope, and having shared some of my fears with readers in the past, let me also share my hopes.

I hope that appreciation for the Jewish way of life will be fostered in every Jewish child and reinforced in every adult through improved education; that every Jew will become fluent in Hebrew, the language of all Jews through space and time; that liberalism or radicalism in all their trendy new forms will not be confused — yet again — with Judaism.

Above all, I hope that Arab hatred will never succeed in eroding our love of Israel, nor our pride in the decency of its citizens. Yiddish literature reflects the tortuous difficulty of maintaining Jewish life and dignity in the modern world. I hope we can do it better.

Bush trying to woo Jews to save his political hide

By RABBI AVRAHAM WEISS

The Bush spin doctors are out in force. Their goal: to convince Jewish voters over the next three months to forget the president's Israel-bashing of four years.

It wasn't so long ago that U.S. Secretary of State James Baker was quoted as saying, "F--- the Jews; they didn't vote for us anyway." The implication: George Bush was elected without Jewish support, and will be elected again without that vote — or so Baker assumed at the time.

But things are different today. President Bush is in a fight for his political life. It is conceivable that the election will turn on a few thousand votes in a small number of states where Jews vote in large numbers, like New York and California. If ten percent of the Jewish vote goes to Bush instead of the 27 percent he received in 1988, Bush could himself be among the unemployed.

For this reason, Republicans have targeted New York and California as key states Bush must win. And the president has decided to reach out to the Jewish community.

The wooing has begun. Baker has been to Israel to set the stage for Israel's Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin's visit to Kennebunkport — conveniently planned for the week before the Republican convention. In so doing, Rabin will be playing into the hands of this orchestrated attempt to win the Jewish vote. At the meeting, the president will no doubt announce his preparedness to grant $2 billion in loan guarantees to Israel to help absorb Jewish refugees from the former U.S.S.R. and Ethiopia. He'll do this despite Rabin's decision to complete 9,000 homes in Judea and Samaria. This falls short of the complete freeze Bush and Baker have demanded.

No matter. The $2 billion in loan guarantees is designed to convince the Jewish American community to forget. No wonder Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian spokesman, has given tacit approval to those guarantees. She knows and Palestinians know it is in their interest for Bush, who reportedly characterized himself to King Hassan of Morocco as the most pro-Arab U.S. president ever, to be re-elected.

Bush's attempt to short-circuit American Jews' memory won't work. Despite moments of support, such as his involvement in the rescue of Ethiopian Jews, George Bush has emerged as the most hostile president ever to Israel. Who can forget the litany of Bush's anti-Israel actions and slurs:

The United States compelled Israel to sit on its hands as Scuds rained down on Tel Aviv and Haifa during the Persian Gulf War, protected by a Patriot missile system that really didn't work.

The president's statement in his news conference last September that "just months ago, American men and women in uniform risked their lives to defend Israelis in the face of Iraqi Scud missiles" is a perversion of the truth. Israel has never wanted American troops to fight its battles. The United States came to the aid of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and its own oil interests, not to Israel's aid.

Before the Gulf War, the Bush-Baker administration militarily built up Saddam Hussein. Today, repeating this grievous error, they have turned a blind eye to all that is most frightening about Syria's President Hafez El-Assad and have actively courted his support. Syria is still on the U.S. State Department's list of nations supporting international terrorism. Assad is responsible for more American deaths than Saddam. A Syrian-based terrorist organization, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, was involved in blowing up Pan Am 103, and the Syrian army allowed the truck loaded with explosives that levelled the Marine barracks in Beirut in 1983 to pass through its checkpoints unchallenged. With all this, the United States has allowed Syria to use the $3 billion it received from Saudi Arabia as its prize for joining the anti-Saddam coalition to purchase sophisticated weapons. Bush's assertion that by destroying Iraq the United States has decimated "Israel's most dangerous adversary" is belied by his permitting Syria — Israel's main enemy — to re-emerge as a key power in the region.

Most ominous was Bush's behavior during the loan guarantee debate. In his infamous statement that there are "something like a thousand lobbyists on the Hill working the other side of the question, we've got one lonely little guy down here," he raised the spectre of a Jewish conspiracy and the canard of Jewish dual loyalty. It's difficult to trust a president who intimates that supporters of Israel are pressing for policies contrary to American interests.

And the list continues:

In a joint session of Congress, the president thanked Gulf War coalition members, many of whom hardly participated, while failing to mention Israel at all, or its extraordinary restraint.

The United States rebuked Israel for sending reconnaissance flights over Iraq.

In a United Nations vote, the United States "strongly condemned" Israel for expelling 17 Palestinian terrorists. The toughest language the United States used concerning Iraq's invasion of Kuwait was "condemn."

U.S. spokesmen strongly condemned Israel after leaks that Jerusalem sent Patriot missile parts to China. When the leaks proved to be malicious falsehoods, and the Saudis found to be the culprits, Washington was mum.

Throughout Pat Buchanan's run for the Republican presidential nomination, Bush failed to disavow Buchanan's racism, anti-Semitism and anti-Israelism.

After Baker's reported obscenity about the Jews, the president failed to launch a thorough investigation.

The Administration expressed support for UN Resolution 194, which declares that all Arab refugees, who number in the millions, have a right to return to Israel. That's tatamount to calling for Israel's extinction, as the Jewish population in Israel would then be outnumbered. After a barrage of criticism, the Administration backed off, but the damage was done.

And there are storm clouds on the horizon. The differences between Rabin and Bush are far greater than those between Rabin and his predecessor, Yitzchak Shamir. Rabin distinguishes between security and political settlements, and Jerusalem is sacrosanct. For Bush, there is no such distinction, and Jerusalem is occupied.

The Republican spin doctors seek to prescribe the pill of forgetfulness to Jewish Americans. But the Jewish community — in the unique position of having a large say in deciding the presidency — will not forget. Memory has always been the cornerstone of Jewish survival.

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Before we banish the past we must learn to accept it

By ANDREW COHEN

The prejudices of David Irving continue to haunt us. With undisguised relish, Irving paints a picture of the Third Reich which has now gone from quirky revisionism to dangerous fiction.

Who else could say that the diary of Anne Frank was a forgery and the Holocaust was a hoax? Irving may be a thorough researcher and an engaging stylist, but he long ago abandoned history for propaganda.

Still, the latest tempest here over Irving's credibility says more about his patron than it does about him. In this case, it is *The Sunday Times*, one of Britain's best newspapers. When Irving heard that unpublished extracts of the Goebbels diaries were locked in the newly-opened archives in Moscow, he wangled exclusive access and sold the rights to *The Sunday Times*.

The publication of the diaries has generated a debate over the propriety of paying Irving $170,000 to read, authenticate and transcribe hundreds of pages of scrawled impressions. No doubt it is a role fit for the greatest contortionist since Goebbels himself.

Predictably, *The Sunday Times* has angered Jews, who feel Irving's calumny most keenly. They naturally wonder how someone who denies there were gas chambers at Auschwitz can be given this kind of forum with this kind of respectability.

The newspaper maintains that Irving's job is technical, that his work is supervised by "a master," that the translation and editing are being done by others. In a woolly-minded apologia, columnist Barbara Amiel asserts her credentials as a Jew ("believe me, I understand") to declare that we cannot ignore experts because we reject their views.

Amiel agrees that Irving is "a nutcase" whose judgments are false. But because he doesn't have a chance to exercise those judgments — his role is "mechanical" rather than interpretive — he can be trusted.

Were that true. The trouble is that Irving reads the handwriting and chooses the extracts from the diaries. To this kind of mind, a shading , a nuance or a punctuation mark offer the opportunity for advantage. After all, this isn't some medieval monk copying the liturgy. It's a polemicist making a point.

The Sunday Times argues that only Irving can read Goebbels' handwriting, a pretty dubious claim. But even if that were so, how can it be sure that Irving is transcribing the diaries faithfully? Last November, Irving was accused of dropping lines from a translation of another Goebbels document that contradicted Irving's view that Hitler knew nothing about the Final Solution.

It seems the newspaper is so interested in a scoop that it doesn't matter where it comes from or how it looks. After all, Irving is not just an eccentric historian or a member of the Flat Earth Society. He is a bigot who addresses beer-hall rallies in Germany and pays homage to Hitler, who keeps company with skinheads and brownshirts, who has been successfully sued for libel.

To call Irving a technician misses the point. It smacks of the morality of blamelessness which fostered the Nazis. "He only copied the text" sounds awfully close to "I was just following orders." It is a denial of responsibility — in this case, conferring legitimacy, even by association, upon an ugly falsehood.

The lesson here is the importance of memory. Society should deny Irving credibility because he denies memory. His fondest hope is that in a generation or so, when there is no one left to bear witness, his version of events will take root. The Nazis will then look less dangerous and the radical right more palatable.

It is already hard enough to accept the evils of history without having to prove they actually happened. The impulse to deny remains strong today, even in democracies. In France recently, the government refused to recognize the complicity of the Vichy regime in deporting Jews. In Japan, the government will not teach schoolchildren the truth about Pearl Harbor. In the United States, the government resists efforts to investigate the Kennedy assassination.

To banish the past we must learn to accept it. That's why Canada apologized to Japanese-Canadians for their mistreatment 50 years ago and why Spain apologized to Jews for the Inquisition 500 years ago. It is that question of responsibility we should remember the next time David Irving comes calling.

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Atrocities in Bosnia

It is ironic that in the week during which television reports show scenes of Serbian detention camps — with images of hollow-eyed and skeletal detainees — a publishing house in Buffalo, Prometheus Books, has published a book entitled *The Yugoslav Auschwitz and the Vatican* by Vladimir Dedijer.

The author, a former Yugoslav diplomat and one-time ambassador to the United Nations uses 444 pages to document the atrocities perpetrated by Croatian Catholics under the Ustasha leadership against Orthodox Serbs during World War II. The book is not made for easy reading.

Using eye-witness accounts, photographs and massive documentation, Dedijer reconstructs the horrors of the Jasenovac concentration camp in which 200,000 people perished. The majority of the murdered were Serbs, but thousands of Jews also perished there. In his dossier Dedijer argues strongly that some Vatican representatives aided and abetted Croatian executioners.

The history of Yugoslavia's Serb-Croat conflict of half a century ago sheds some light on the "settling of accounts" mentality which has attended the breakup of that country in the past two years. However, Croatia's alliance with Nazi Germany in World War II and its genocidal policies against Serbs and Jews cannot explain or justify the barbarous assaults on Bosnian Catholics and Muslims today.

It is elementary morality and a cardinal teaching of Judaism that children should not suffer for the sins of the fathers.

Reports of "ethnic cleansing" and pictures of Bosnian men, women and children being deported and dumped in neighboring countries recall the painfull history of Jewish tragedy during the Holocaust.

The spectacle of Serbian irregulars firing on and killing little children who happen to belong to the wrong religion or ethnic group is too horrible to conceive of but not too horrible to have actually happened.

It is the revelations about detention camps that strongly resemble, let it be said, concentration camps, however, which is the last straw.

It is clear that the Belgrade authorities are unable to control or have abdicated responsibility for the conduct of Serbian soldiers now implicated in atrocities against Bosnians and Muslims.

In this inertia they have disfigured the reputation of the Serbian people. Since they are unable or unwilling to intervene, it is time, as former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has observed, for the United Nations to use the military force at its disposal to stop the butchery going on in Bosnia Herzegovina.

The world cannot stand idly by in the face of such inhumanity.

New initiative

Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut will be the venue for a projected interfaith centre where Jews and Catholics will be able to discuss theological issues presently not on the table.

The New York Times (July 6) indicates that one of the reasons for the founding of the centre is that current interfaith structures involving Jews and Catholics are restricted by Orthodox inhibitions against dealing with theological questions. Orthodox representatives such as Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik have supported dialogue which deal with social and humanitarian issues but have discouraged purely theological encounters.

A spokesman on behalf of the centre, Rabbi Jack Bemporad, former chairman of the interreligious affairs committee of the Synagogue Council of America, indicates that he understands the Orthodox ban on theological discourses but argues that "the Catholic Church has a hard time speaking in any other way but the theological, and asking it not to is like asking us not to be concerned about Israel."

The new centre will therefore address questions relating to Jewish and Christian views on salvation, the Land of Israel, the chosen people concept and the meaning of the Holocaust. "Each religious group needs to understand the internal integrity of the other group's spirituality," said one of the supporters of the centre, "and anything impeding that understanding will make ultimate reconciliation more difficult."

The centre is already in the process of implementing one important program. It is sponsoring a trip to Poland to arrange visits of Jewish scholars to lecture in Polish Catholic seminars. In November it will organize a major conference on the place of Judaism in the history of salvation.

Initial Orthodox response to the new centre has been largely negative. Opposition to participation in theological dialogue, however, is not based on Halachic rules but on social and historical factors. It would be unfortunate if rigidity on this issue prevented Orthodox spokesmen from participating fully in what appears to be a serious attempt on the part of Jews and Catholics to come to grips with vital issues.

Letters to the Editor

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THE LAST WORD?

Usually, political debates are not resolved conclusively. However, with respect to the dispute throughout the Jewish world over the former Likud government's settlement of the territories, we come about as close to a clear outcome as one could imagine.

Readers will recall the battle over this policy, of which there were skirmishes in *The CJN*. Defenders of settlements often held that the question was whether or not the West Bank and Gaza should be Judenrein (free of Jews) — to use their emotive term, taken from the Nazis. Critics replied that the real issue was that the settlements were deliberately obstructive of the peace process.

Immediately after his stunning electoral defeat, former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Shamir made a disarmingly frank admission to the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv*. His secret agenda for settlements, he said, had been to use them to render Israeli control over the territories exclusive and irreversible. His goal had been to spin out autonomy talks while aggressively expanding Jewish settlement of the disputed lands. "I would have conducted autonomy negotiations for ten years," he told *Ma'ariv*, "and in the meanwhile we would have reached a half million people in Judea and Samaria." Shamir admitted that most Israelis had not favored this approach. Nevertheless, he had hoped that they would eventually accept this "historical direction."

"Moderation," he added in a strikingly cynical reflection, "can only be tactical and not [in achieving] the goal. This is the way I worked as prime minister."

Appropriately, Shamir has had the last world.

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BAN "GRADE RACE" IN SCHOOLS

We should be grateful to Arlazar Eliashiv (Moral values imperative — *CJN*, July 9) for his courage in expressing his thoughts.

After 20 years as a teacher and a principal at a Jewish high school, Mr. Eliashiv confesses, "We have failed to provide them with moral values."

I know of cases where students have been forced out of a Jewish school because of high competition for grades, regardless of the student's background, fine characters, home values and education and his keen desire to remain in a Jewish school and not to go outside the community. As Mr. Eliashiv succinctly remarked, "The school turned into a factory for the production of grades."

It is indeed very sad that our Jewish schools were "managed" by teachers and principals who could wait for two decades to recognize that "the area of values education remain a 'waste land'."

True, the parents have their share of blame for this sad situation.

The alarm sounded by Arlazar Eliashiv should prompt all concerned to let this situation remain unchanged, and have another 20 years of grade "race" in our schools.

Immediate action is needed for a thorough overhaul of our school educational system which must be based on moral and human values as suggested by Mr. Eliashiv.

Baruch Cohen
Montreal

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SWASTIKA RULING QUESTIONED

The defacing of three Toronto area synagogues, June 30, was obviously a planned and co-ordinated act by a number of anti-Semites. One wonders to what extent the perpetrators were encouraged by the recent ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States that the right to display a swastika was permitted under the first amendment of the United States Constitution guaranteeing freedom of speech.

Fortunately the Canadian Criminal Code allows prosecutions of hatemongers and it is hoped that they will soon be caught and brought to justice. The absurdity of the decision of the United States Supreme Court is made apparent when such acts of vandalism are comitted by cowards only under the cover of night, and are obviously not a reflection of free speech but confirmation that their racism and hatred of groups different from themselves is something they dare not discuss in a public forum for fear that their perverse thinking and malevolence would be readily revealed.

It is to be expected that consistent with their lack of courage and conviction these defenders of "free speech" would slither out after dark and spread their venom on unguarded buildings and then sneak back and slide under the rocks from which they came.

Bert Raphael, President
Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada
Toronto

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JEWS LIKE FENCING

By publishing David Kay's photo, Top Fencer, you made an old Jewish sportsman very happy.

Besides his performance, I have to congratulate Kay for selecting the difficult and not so popular sport of fencing. In doing so, he followed the tradition in a sport where many Jewish athletes excelled as Olympic world and national champions. Dr. Fuchs, Kabors, Petchauer, the Elek sisters (Hungary), Helen Mayer (Germany), Jay (England), Midler (Russia), Erdelyi (Canada) and Koenar (Brazil) were all Jewish.

In the past, fencing was chosen by our youth because it is not only a physical but very much a mental sport. They say that in fencing, you are a general and soldier in one body.

Thank you for publishing the picture! Thank you, David, for bringing back memories.

Ernest Meiszter
Former head coach of Canadian, Romanian and Brazilian Olympic teams
Toronto

Opinion

Be gone, ye summer of '92; be gone

By J. B. SALSBERG

There was a time, and not so long ago, when it seemed that I, and the whole world with me, greeted the arrival of a Canadian summer with joy in my heart and a song on my lips.

In those days the city of Toronto provided free street car rides for children to the several beaches and bathing suits could be rented for the day at a nominal price.

It was also a time when thousands of eastern Canadians became "harvesters," who travelled to the west in "harvester trains" at special low rates to help the western farmers garner their wheat crops.

A few Jewish men's clothing stores along York Street, that led to the old Union Station, specialized in "outfitting" the big city "cowboys" with the required clothing.

I refer to our harvesters as "cowboys," because there was one such Jewish harvester from Toronto, whose first name was Mendle, who, after his return with a wide-brimmed cowboy hat was named, for the rest of his life, as "Mendle the cowboy."

Those were also the days when Toronto Jewish garment workers and peddlers began sending their wives and small children to Pontypool for a few weeks "rest in the country."

J.B. Salsberg

The universally acknowledged and highly regarded king of Pontypool's Jewish summer guest home was Rob Moyshe Yookle who operated a "haymishe," no-frills, summer guest place for immigrant Jewish mothers and their little children.

Those holidaying women and children would be joined by their husbands and fathers on Friday afternoons and who would leave on Sunday afternoons to return to their homes and jobs.

As for Moyshe Yookle, without whom there never would have been the almost mythical Jewish Pontypool of those early days, he, too, came to peddle in the region. He was among the pioneers who bought a house there and became a permanent resident; the pioneer guest-house operator and the Jewish spokesman in general.

But, my friends, as everyone knows, the world never stops changing and all human beings keep on changing with it. But, alas, not always for the better . . .

The Communist world has ended in Europe, but anti-Semitism has raised its head in Russia once again.

Canada has become a significant industrial country. But it has also become a country of mass unemployment. As of now, there are one million and six hundred thousand unemployed in our country! But whereas once upon a time such an economic condition was called "a crisis," it is now called a "recession."

Yes, we now have what is called "social networks" to catch the falling unemployed. But woe to the families that have to live on the official "social network."

Sorry, my good friends, for resuming the regular appearance of this column in an unhappy mood. Blame the world . . .

But more disturbing and more depressing is the acute pain I and my enlarged family suffered recently by the unexpected death of my beloved brother-in-law, Sydney Troster, the lifelong partner of my adored youngest sister, Betty Troster and father of their three sons, Steven, David and Allan, their wives and the adorable two granddaughters.

Syd loved his family as he loved life and he fought for his life during the past two years like a lion.

But the Lion was vanquished as even lions ultimately are.

The passing is a terrible, most personal loss to all in our extended family. His spirit will carry on through those he loved most; his beloved wife Betty, his children and grandchildren and a great host of personal friends in this country and in the United States.

And to you, my esteemed readers, I trust that you will understand why I could not resume writing this column in any other way than the way I did begin it.

May the blessings of good health and long life be shared by all of us.

As for the summer of 1992, with its most unseasonable weather and depressing tiding, I say to that so-called summer: go and get lost . . .

Old myths and new victims in Yugoslavia

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

An article in the July 27, 1992 issue of the Toronto *Globe and Mail* caught my eye. The first of its two headings read: "Blood libel/ Fighters in Bosnia revive a tribal myth to justify their behavior . . ."

For Jewish readers, this article brought up dreadful memories of the times when Jews were accused of killing Christian children in order to drink their blood or use it for the preparation of matzot.

And now this:

A British journalist was speaking to a "fat, kind woman of 60" and asked her why the local Serbian militia was clearing the towns of Foc and Gorazde of the Muslims who had lived there for generations? The answer was startling: Did the English journalist know that the Muslims crucified Christian children, decapitated them, and sent the corpses floating down the Drina river?

Thus, old myths found new victims. It was Jews yesterday, and in Bosnia it is Muslims today. The sad irony is that while the blood libel directed against the Jews was rampant in Christian Europe, it was unknown in Muslim countries.

Rabbi Plaut

Meanwhile, I asked myself, how do the Jews of what formerly was Yugoslavia fare during the current fighting? Little hard evidence is available. In the embattled portion of the land, that is to say Bosnia and Herzegovnia, the number of Jews has been small since the Holocaust. Sarajevo, which once had a flourishing community, drawn from both Ashkenazi and Sephardi backgrounds, was to some degree reconstituted after the war, and the stately Ashkenazi synagogue survived somehow.

Under Marshal Tito, Yugoslav Jews fared quite well — but that was a far cry from what was done to them during the Holocaust.

For some details I went to the *Encyclopedia Judaica*, vol. 16, where the sad tale of Croatian and Bosnian complicity with the Nazis is told in detail.

The Nazis helped to establish a new independent state of Croatia, and for four years the country was marked by savage cruelty and terror against the Jews. Their cruelty needed little assistance from the Nazis — they did it all by themselves.

What about Bosnia and Herzegovnia which were incorporated into the new Croatian state? Before the war there had been 14,000 Jews. When the Germans occupied Sarajevo in 1941, one of their first acts was to set fire to the Sephardi synagogue of the city, known as the finest structure of its kind in all of the Balkan countries. Says the *Encyclopedia:*

"They were assisted in this act of vandalism by local Muslims, who, under the influence of their spiritual leaders, were generally hostile to the Jews and willingly collaborated with the Nazis." The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem went especially from Berlin to Sarajevo in order to give his blessing to the activities. So, what is the bottom line? Some will say: "You see, it serves them right — yesterday they persecuted us, now they are being persecuted. Right?"

Wrong. What is happening in Bosnia to the Muslims who are being "ethnically cleansed" by the Serbs, bears no relation to the sins of their fathers and grandfathers. The blood libel is an evil canard, whether directed against Jews or Muslims.

I am therefore all in favor of Canada's policy of giving refuge to the persecuted of today. That the nation was not that generous to us is a sad historical fact, but no reason to deny those in flight in 1992 a place in which to regain human dignity.

Historical facts deserve to be known, but they must not be misused to make present-day policy which is unrelated to it. Compassion is a Jewish virtue which we cherish most highly — after all, do we not call ourselves the compassionate children of the All-Merciful?

Judging daily tasks would be interesting

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

Imagination is powerful and mine is running wild. As I watch the Olympics, I lunge into triple flips with the gymnasts tumbling across the red mat, I spin downward into the pool with the high divers, I surge through rocky rapids with the white water canoeists, and I envy . . . Well, I envy the judges.

Here are all these athletes — people who have trained for a decade or more, people who put it all on the line for two minutes of competition — and here are the judges: pampered experts who watch dispassionately and then rule, reasonably or not: your years of learning how to high dive come to this: 7.6 (back to training camp) or 9.9 (on to glory).

Erica Meyer Rauzin

I'm sure there are areas where I have the expertise, the commitment, the steely nerves, to be a judge.

For instance, I could pinpoint a score for a grocery check-out clerk, taking into account efficiency of reach down the black rubber mat, degree of difficulty in stacking all the heaviest cans in one bag I won't be able to lift when I get home, dexterity in coupon counting, crowd-pleasing pleasantries, and rapid bar code reading. Just think how satisfying it would be. The check-out clerk says, "Your total is $160." And I respond, "Your total is 6.2, with a five-second penalty for putting the potato chip bag under the soda cans."

What would it do to the parent-child relationship if, at bedtime, little Joshy got a score? "Well, kid, you were a 8.6 today. You lost points for shaving the cat, although I recognize the difficulty of the stunt. You picked up some points for homework, dish stacking and closet cleaning, but you got caught out of bounds when you stashed your muddy sneakers in your sister's book bag. Better luck tomorrow, son."

Just think of the possibilities. One could affect the quality of services rendered in a multitude of ways.

If the rabbi gives a snoozy sermon, give him a 5.1. But if he sends you off inspired, reward him with a 9.8.

If the Sisterhood Gift Shop doesn't have anything to rescue you from showing up at the bat mitzvah without a gift, it gets a 3. But if that sweet volunteer lady behind the counter finds the perfect present, wraps it prettily, and even drops a word of gossip about the decor — to save you from wearing your darling pumpkin-hued suit amid a sea of purple tablecloths — the shop gets a 10.

If the butcher passes along a soggy salami, he gets a 4.7, but really lean corned beef. Ah, that's a 9.4.

I'd happily hand out a gold medal to the first gas station attendant who helped open my gas tank cap, even if I was in the self-serve lane. I'd use my highest scores to encourage a clerk who hangs up the phone when I approach the sales counter, a drive-up teller who gets it right the first try, a bar mitzvah family who sends an invitation that doesn't shed confetti on the rug. I'd coldly offer low marks to drivers who turn without signalling, fundraisers who call at supper time, and public event managers who schedule their ball games or concerts without regard to Jewish holidays.

This eager willingness to judge does not imply that I have an equal willingness to be judged, never, never, of course not.

Imagine putting dinner on the table and letting the family dispense the scores. Sister offers a 7.2 in disdain for the vegetables; brother tunes in with a vindictive 6.3 because dessert is fruit, not chocolate; and faithful spouse offers a barely supportive 8.6 because, well, it is the third time this week we've had chicken.

I could argue that the chicken represents a high degree of difficulty (you try making one broiler feed five people who all hate white meat). I could plead that the veggies demonstrate mastery of a difficult apparatus (the microwave). I could swear that the dessert judge is prejudiced (he ate a brownie before dinner).

Maybe I could point out my other high level skills. My family might not give me points as a cooking champion, but they know that when it comes to eating, I'm a perfect ten.

CJA LEADERSHIP RETREAT

On the last morning of their nine day CJA Leadership Retreat in Israel, Montreal's campaign Leadership was addressed by Prime Minister Rabin. The Prime Minister underlined the new focus on the Peace Process and on building the economy of the country. He made it clear to the group, as well as the dozen or so reporters present, that "Peace without security is, for me, a meaningless concept." From left: Paul and Lily Ivanier; Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin; Joe Schafter; David Vineberg, General Chairman, Federation CJA Campaign '92; Rhoda Vineberg, Chair Women's Division. [Joe Malcolm photo]

Features

Rosenstrasse - a street with an heroic past

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

Rosenstrasse, in eastern Berlin, is hard to find. It is a small, dead-end street, tucked away behind a subway station. Even residents of the neighborhood, known as the Mitte, the pre-war centre of Berlin, confess to being ignorant of its whereabouts.

But for all its drabness and inconspicuousness, Rosenstrasse is a street with an heroic past. Here, for about one week during World War II, a group of decent, courageous Germans, mainly women, defied the monolithic Nazi state, and won an unprecedented but little-known victory in civil disobedience.

"It showed that the Nazis could be fought," said Gernot Jochheim, the German author of the only book ever published on the subject, *Protest on Rosenstrasse.*

The events which climaxed on Rosenstrasse 49 years ago started on Feb. 27, 1943, when Josef Goebbels, the fanatically anti-Semitic propaganda minister, gave the order to rid Berlin of all remaining Jews. When Hitler seized power, Berlin was home to some 170,000 Jews, living in Germany's largest and perhaps most cosmopolitan Jewish community. But within a few years, many had left.

From 1941 onward, after they banned emigration, the Nazis began deporting the Jews of Berlin to concentration camps and ghettos in Eastern Europe. By 1943, Berlin had been all but emptied of Jews. In response to Goebbels' command, 5,000 Jews were arrested. Approximately 2,500 so-called privileged Jews, mostly men with non-Jewish spouses, were rounded up at their places of work and taken to a building on Rosenstrasse which had been commandeered by the Gestapo and turned into a deportation centre.

It was Goebbels' intention to deport the Jews, and thus render Berlin Judenrein. It would be his "birthday gift" to Hitler. But when word of the Nazi Aktion got out, thousands of demonstrators spontaneously gathered in front of the building every day for about one week, demanding the return of their husbands, wives and fathers.

Among them was Ruth Pisarek, her brother Georg and their mother, Berta, a convert from Christianity to Judaism whose Jewish husband, Abraham, had been suddenly whisked away from a factory where he worked.

Initially, the Pisareks were unaware of his fate. But Georg Pisarek made inquiries and discovered that his father had been bundled off to Rosenstrasse. "He was kept in a house there with thousands of other Jewish workers," said Ruth Pisarek, who changed her surname to Gross after her second marriage.

Eyewitnesses, such as the Pisareks, haven't forgotten the drama, the desperation and the valor which unfolded on Rosenstrasse.

SS men, brandishing machine guns, tried without success to break up the protestors. But they stood their ground, like a wall. Goebbels, accustomed to having his orders carried out expeditiously, was shocked.

In his diary, he wrote: "There have been unpleasant scenes... in which the population actually took the part of the Jews. I will tell the security forces not to continue the evacuation of the Jews at this critical juncture."

As a result of their steely resolve, the demonstrators forced the Nazis to back down. The Jewish prisoners with Aryan spouses were released.

Even 25 men who had already been sent to Auschwitz were repatriated.

On March 6, very early in the morning, Abraham Pisarek returned to his loved ones.

Asked why the Nazis relented, Gernot Jochheim, a Berlin teacher and peace activist, explained that the Nazi leadership had not yet formulated a clear and firm policy with regard to mischlinges — Jews of mixed ancestry. "This problem had not been solved at the Wannsee conference in January 1942, where the decision to implement the Final Solution had been made." Consequently, the Rosenstrasse affair divided the Nazis.

Gerhard Schumm, a Berlin social worker and teacher who has studied it closely, said the Nazis were on the verge of passing a law that would have compelled Christians to divorce their Jewish spouses when the Rosenstrasse incident took them by surprise.

Ruth Pisarek Gross, now an opthamologist, theorizes that the Nazis backed down because they feared a backlash from mixed families in Germany. "My mother's brother, for example, was an officer in the Wehrmacht," she said, implying that the regime had no interest in needlessly antagonizing a population already weary of an unpopular war.

On March 1, 1943, with the Rosenstrasse protest into its third day, Allied aircraft bombarded Berlin, leaving 40,000 people homeless, frightened and angry. Yet, insofar as the Jews were concerned, she has no doubt that the Nazis intended to finish them off. "If Germany had won the war, we would have been killed or sterilized."

Ruth Pisarek Gross, 59, will never forget what transpired on Rosenstrasse nearly five decades ago.

She has transformed the basement of her home, in an affluent, wooded part of Berlin, into a shrine dedicated to her father. Cardboard boxes, which fill practically every nook and cranny, groan under the weight of 10,000 of his photographs of Berlin. Abraham Pisarek, who died in 1983, was a professional photographer.

Several years ago, in his honor, she commissioned a one-hour video which she called *A Life's Journey.* It was screened on German television under the title of *Speak Mama Loshen.* When Soviet troops liberated Berlin in 1945, Abraham Pisarek surrendered to an officer who spoke Yiddish.

Despite the publicity surrounding the video, Ruth Pisarek Gross is loath to discuss her childhood experiences under the yolk of Nazism. "I don't want to repeat myself again and again," she said. "I am really fed up."

But when she was pressed to talk about it, if only for a while, she finally agreed.

She started at the beginning.

Abraham Pisarek, the thread holding this story together, was born in Lodz, Poland, and immigrated to Germany in 1919. Shortly afterward, he met his wife-to-be, an ethnic German from St. Petersburg, Russia.

Despite their budding romance, Pisarek, a fervent Zionist, went to Palestine, without his beloved Berta. "Conditions there were difficult," said Ruth Pisarek Gross. "He couldn't stand the kibbutz and the climate. He contracted malaria, and after three years, returned to Germany."

In 1928, he wed Berta, after her conversion to Judaism. Georg, their oldest child, was born a year later. Berta gave birth to Ruth in 1931, two years before the Nazi seizure of power.

After Hitler was appointed chancellor, Abraham Pisarek lost his job as a theatre photographer, but muddled through as a freelancer for Jewish newspapers. In 1936, with the promulgation of the Nuremberg Laws, the Pisareks were evicted from their apartment. They rented quarters near the grand synagogue on Oranienburgerstrasse.

Through all these trials, the Pisareks tried to emigrate. The United States repeatedly rejected their visa application, possibly because the family was stateless, and in spite of the fact that Berta's sister resided in New Jersey. Abraham Pisarek was not a German citizen, while Berta lost her citizenship because of her marriage to a Jew. (The Pisareks had to wait until the 1960s to become German nationals.)

"There was a discussion about going to Bombay, India," Ruth Pisarek Gross said, "but we didn't act on it because the visa was for my father only, and we didn't want to separate the family."

Meanwhile, the Pisareks had to endure the pain of Nazi anti-Semitism. Always, they were made to feel like outsiders, beyond the pale. Georg was expelled from his school in 1936, a fate Ruth was spared because she attended a Jewish school. And Georg was invariably beaten up in fights, which usually began and ended with anti-Jewish taunts.

After the fury of Kristallnacht in November 1938, she walked along Oranienburgerstrasse, heartbroken at the sight of broken furniture and torn Jewish prayer books scattered on the pavement.

In December 1941, after the order had gone out that Jews were required to wear yellow stars on their breasts, they received permission to resettle in the United States. Overjoyed, they booked passage and packed their bags. But at the last moment, the authorities prevented them from leaving. After Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, Germany declared war on the United States, and emigration was halted.

On Christmas day 1941, Abraham Pisarek mounted an unconventional protest against the inhumanity of Nazism. With yellow stars sewn on their clothes, Pisarek and his wife and children ventured inside a church, interrupting the service. "We were immediately thrown out," she said. "There was no reaction, like on Kristallnacht."

From 1942 onward, Abraham Pisarek toiled in a succession of factories as a laborer and, occasionally, as a translator for Russian and Polish slave laborers.

After being released from the building on Rosenstrasse, the Nazis forced him to collect belongings from homes riddled with unexploded Allied bombs. Then, mercifully, he was given back his old job as a laborer-cum-translator.

Until the final days of the war, Pisarek had to report to the police on a weekly basis. He checked in for the last time on April 17, 1945, with the Red Army besieging Berlin.

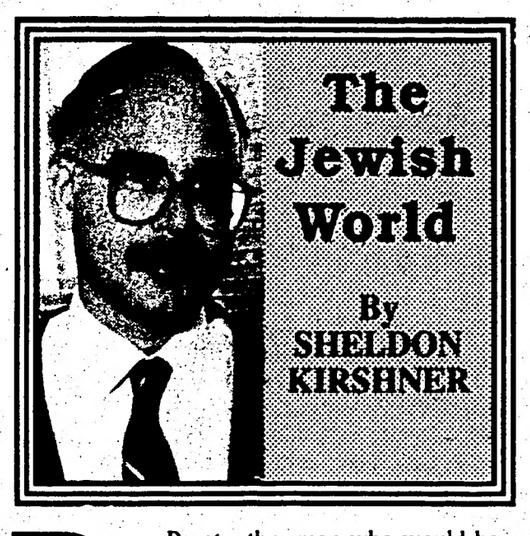
With the war over, Pisarek resumed his activities as a theatre photographer. "Father wanted to leave Germany, but we had settled down," said Ruth Pisarek Gross.

Her first husband, a German Jew, was killed in an accident. She married a fellow doctor, the son of a Lutheran minister, and they have four children, Miriam, David, Jacob and Phillip Emanuel. In retrospect, she regrets that her first three children were baptized. But she takes solace from her belief that her children "feel" Jewish and from the fact that they celebrate the Jewish high holidays. (Georg, her brother, has a non-Jewish wife, but his children have been given Jewish names, Reuben and Judit).

Ruth Pisarek Gross is pleased that the events in Rosenstrasee will be commemorated by a memorial. Consisting of friezes by sculptress Ingeborg Hunzinger, it is scheduled to be completed by 1993, the 50th anniversary of this footnote in history.

It will bear this inscription: "The strength of civil disobedience and the strength of love defeat the violence of a dictatorship."

Ruth Pisarek Gross with her father, Abraham, in the 1960s.



The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Perot candidacy caused disquietude

Ross Perot, the man-who-would-be-president, was a source of fascination and concern to American Jews.

Perot, who caused shock waves by suddenly pulling out of the U.S. presidential race, seemed like a refreshing breath of air in a political season of discontent and malaise, a plain, no-nonsense, honest candidate who would "throw out the bums" and truly grapple with America's deep-seated problems. And for Jews who were disillusioned with President George Bush and edgy about Democratic aspirant Bill Clinton, Perot appeared like a viable alternative.

In May, at the height of Perot's popularity, consultant Mark Siegel, a Carter administration official, calculated that Perot could win 15 percent of the Jewish vote come Nov. 3. Matthew Brooks, executive director of the pro-Republican National Jewish Coalition, went further, putting the figure at 38 percent.

But for all their predictions, Perot's candidacy ultimately inspired a sense of disquietude among most Jewish voters.

Exit polls from the June Democratic primaries in California and New Jersey found Jewish Democrats much less willing to defect to Perot than non-Jewish Democrats. In California, 38 percent of Democrats said they would cast their ballots for Perot, compared to 25 percent of Jews. In New Jersey, the tally was 30 percent and 19 percent, respectively.

Steven Cohen, a Queens College sociologist who specializes in Jewish demographics, forecast that Perot, a conservative with an authoritarian bent, would have an uphill battle gaining the trust of the mainly liberal Jewish community.

Perot — who once described himself as "a servant of the people" — triggered unease among many Jews because of his success, short-lived though it was, in bypassing traditional political channels. A self-made billionaire, Perot spent $10 million of a $100 million bankroll on his campaign. If Perot, an apparently decent person, could mount a credible challenge to the system as an outsider, could a racist insurgent not emulate him in the future?

As well, Perot's promise to fight "special interest" groups, a subliminal message that could be construed to include Jews, aroused some suspicion in Jewish circles.

Jews, too, were concerned that Perot had only recently resigned from a Dallas country club that excludes minorities, notably Jews and blacks, and that his company, Electronic Data Services, had in 1983 been found guilty of violating a Jewish employee's religious rights.

That case is particularly interesting. Reginald Dallaire, a computer analyst and convert to Judaism, claimed that his religious convictions obliged him to wear a beard. Nevertheless, EDS dismissed him. In response, the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission came to Dallaire's defence, and a judge ruled that EDS had contravened the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Dallaire was reinstated. The incident was sufficiently important enough to prompt the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith to call on Perot to explain why EDS had a policy found to have been "insensitive to Jewish religious practice." Curiously enough, Morton Myerson, Perot's Jewish friend and confidant, was president of EDS when the Dallaire case broke.

Last but not least, Perot was nebulous on Israel. In his only formal address to a Jewish audience, he spoke at an American Jewish Committe banquet in New York City. "Israel is our friend," Perot declared. "You stand by your friends, it's that simple."

Although he talked about the horror of the Holocaust, the need for tolerance and his admiration of Israeli figures such as Ariel Sharon, Teddy Kollek and Golda Meir, he did not mention two key current Middle East issues — Israeli settlements in the territories and prospective U.S. loan guarantees to Israel. Yet Perot's omission of these concerns was typical. He was always long on rhetoric and short on substance.

He was the emphemeral candidate.

Oren David prepares to leave consulate post

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

In his four years of living in Toronto, Israel's acting consul general Oren David has probably seen more of the country than have most Canadians.

Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria, Sudbury, Moncton, London, Hamilton and Kingston have all been stops on his busy itinerary.

As consul for the past four years, public relations was a key part of his daily activities. Eleven months ago when he took over as acting consul general, the senior post in the Toronto consulate, David's public engagements increased even more and his workdays grew longer as he tried to meet the demands placed on the busy Toronto office.

Last week David's barnstorming days came to an end as he gave way to incoming consul general Dror Zeigerman, a former Likud member of the Knesset. Louise Shimron from the foreign office in Jerusalem will assume consular duties in three to four weeks.

Zeigerman and David's tenures will overlap for about a month as David helps the new appointee get acclimatized to Toronto and the Jewish community here. David returns to Israel on August 29 where he will take up duties at the Hasbarah (public information) Department of the Foreign Office, "and in a few years, God willing, go to another place," he said.

For David, serving as consul in Toronto was his first lengthy posting abroad. After studying international relations and political science at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, he entered the foreign service and was soon dispatched to Toronto as consul.

Serving under then consul general Benjamin Abileah, David's tasks were to conduct public relations promoting Israel's cause while administering the personnel, financing and consular aspects of the office, which serves all of Canada west of Quebec.

Following Abileah's departure last September to take over as director of the Bible Lands Museum, David was named acting consul general, pending appointment of a replacement.

David's departure, along with that of tourism attache Yehuda Shen, means a new cast of characters will be heading three of the major functions at the Toronto consulate: consul-general, consul and tourism attache. Only trade commissioner Benjamin Noy remains from the senior ranks of the old regime.

David looks back at his tenure in Toronto with fond memories. A native of the central area of Tel Aviv, David acclimatized himself to life in Toronto by becoming a confirmed downtown dweller, with the hustle and bustle of Bloor Street reminding him of his old hometown.

The fast-paced, urban life stood him in good stead when he had to assume additional duties as consul general, "representing Israel to the community." At times his schedule called on him to attend three functions in one evening, sometimes conveying greetings, other times delivering a keynote address.

Oren David

When he flew into Toronto four years ago, David had a goal of reaching out to the non-Jewish community — addressing church groups, schools, universities and newspaper editorial boards across the country to present the Israeli side of the Mideast conflict.

But in addition to discussing the region's politics, David said "I've always tried to bring the attention of the audience to the fact that Israel is not only a conflict. It's a vibrant, energetic country with joie de vivre, with lots of achievements.

"In Israel we have more subscribers to the philharmonic orchestra (34,000) than does the New York symphony; each year 4,000 new Hebrew books are published; delegations come from the United States to study Israeli agricultural methods."

David's most satisfying work in Toronto was promoting cultural relations with Israel — bringing exhibitions of Israeli artwork to Canada — as well as pushing for city twinning projects such as the one between Dundas and Afula and expected twinning pacts between Vaughan and Ramle as well as Sudbury and Metulla.

David said the consulate has also reached out to the estimated 30,000 Israelis living in the Toronto area, assisting in the formation of an Israeli-style supplementary school and through a daily telephone news service in Hebrew.

David said he has spent more time addressing students in separate schools than in Jewish ones and they are very receptive to the concept of the 3,000-year link of Jews to Jerusalem as the Jewish capital.

Serving the Jewish community as well was an important part of the job, David said. The community here has a strong identification with Israel, owing, David believes, to the fact that it is more traditional than its U.S. counterpart and has a substantial number of Holocaust survivors.

"I've enjoyed and appreciated the time I spent in the country," David said. "I wish it all the best from the bottom of my heart and I wish it a good future and that it overcomes its problems."

CANADIAN MISSION

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's most recent meeting with a Canadian Jewish group, prior to his election victory, was during the Toronto Community Mission at the end of March. Rabin outlined his political views in a wide-ranging address. He is seen in Jerusalem with Mission co-chairman, Jack Chisvin, president of the Greater Toronto Jewish Federation and Sheila Engel. [Photo by Reuven Rosenfelder]

WEDDING PLANS?

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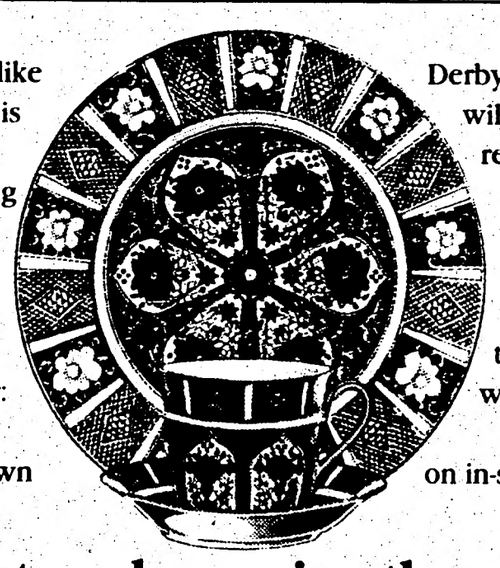

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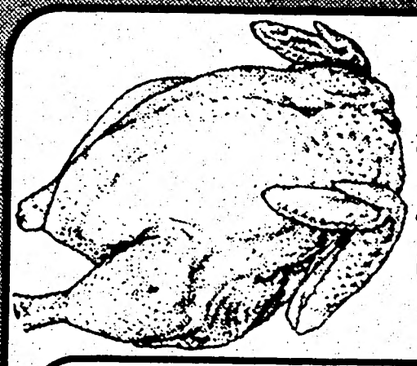

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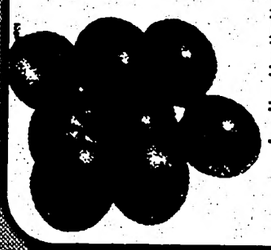

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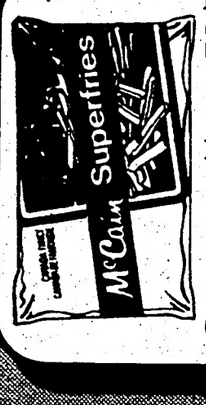

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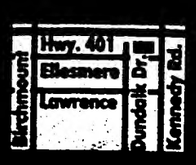

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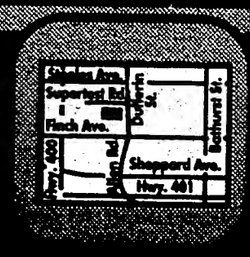

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BB Freedom Lodge supports Tel Aviv health centre

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Maternity and child care in Tel Aviv has improved thanks to the generosity of Toronto Freedom Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada.

The lodge, a donor partner with the Tel Aviv Foundation, recently completed the Toronto Freedom Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada Mother and Child Care Centre, a pre- and post-natal centre for mothers and children.

Jerry Streisfield, vice-chairman of the lodge's memorial committee, said that there is such a demand for the centre's services that the doors were opened before the centre was completely finished.

He said that the project, the first attempted by Toronto Freedom Lodge, was initiated after the lodge brothers decided to memorialize members of their family who had died.

"B'nai Brith Canada did some research and discovered that a centre of this kind was badly needed in Israel. The idea went over so well with our members that more than half the money was raised before we even began active fundraising."

The centre, which began operating in early summer and is run by the Tel Aviv Health Department, staffs a range of doctors from family practitioners to obstetricians to pediatricians. As well, there are health care nurses, laboratories and exercise classes and the whole building is stroller accessible.

"On planning the centre, we stressed that it must have a referral service for those women who may need a specialist," said Streisfield. "We wanted to make sure that all problems could be handled through the clinic."

He said that while in Israel in the early spring to see how the centre was coming along, he was most impressed with the quality of the building. "Everything is top quality from the tiles on the walls and floors to the examining rooms. While there, I saw other Canadian projects and I was very impressed with the way they are all maintained."

Streisfield said that lodge members, who won a B'nai Brith Canada award for the project, will have a delegation in Tel Aviv in the early fall for the centre's official opening. "We are so happy to go because we really have the feeling that what we did was greatly appreciated. The people of Israel let us know what we did for the Israeli mother and her children."

The Toronto Freedom Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada Mother and Child Care Centre in Tel Aviv.

Prutschi named to CJC position

TORONTO —

Manuel Prutschi has been named executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, regional chairman Gerda Frieberg announced recently.

Based in Toronto for the last eight years, Prutschi will retain the post of director of community relations for the region. He has held both posts since former executive director Yehuda Lipsitz's tenure with Congress was ended in June.

Manuel Prutschi

As director of community relations, Prutschi has represented Congress on a variety of high profile issues, including the Jim Keegstra hate promotion case, the Ernst Zundel Holocaust-denial case and on the controversy surrounding former Moncton teacher Malcolm Ross.

He has also played a major role before the courts and tribunals across Canada in cases involving discrimination arising out of religious observance.

Prutschi has recently finished serving on a 13-person Ontario government-appointed committee on reforming the provincial human rights enforcement process. He is also a member of the board of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.

Frieberg said she is looking forward to working with Prutschi: " He is a truly committed professional who has made significant contributions to Congress and the Jewish community."

Born in Ecuador, Prutschi obtained undergraduate and graduate degrees in history from McGill University and the University of Western Ontario. Prior to coming to Toronto in 1984, he served for three years in Winnipeg as director of community relations for Congress' Manitoba/Saskatchewan region.

Reena Fun Day returns to mall on Aug. 31

TORONTO —

Lots of children's entertainment, indoor and outdoor games and celebrities will highlight this year's Reena Fun Day, to take place Monday, Aug. 31 at the Promenade Mall in Thornhill.

The day will kick off at 9 a.m. with a giant birthday cake marking Canada's 125th birthday.

Children's entertainer Eric Nagler will be in concert at 10 a.m. and again at noon.

The Beverly Segal Dancers will perform at 5 p.m.

Throughout the day, youngsters can enjoy face painting, pony rides and a "Crayola" activity centre.

There will be a silent auction all day but at 7 p.m., a gala auction of art and antiques will take place.

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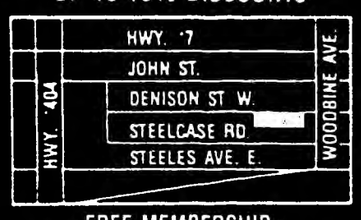

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Founded in 1966, the unit actively promotes health through various education, care and prevention programs.

Barnett was president of Temple Anshe Sholom for two years in the early 1930s and in the late 40s and became "one of the leading persons" involved in the building of the new Temple in the west end of the city.

— **Moura Wolpert**

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Needle artists create collage

TORONTO — A collage depicting the Old City of Jerusalem, the ambitious and creative work of 16 needle artists, members of the Wagman Centre Needle Artists group, now hangs with distinction in the dining room at the Baycrest Terrace.

Titled, *Next Year in Jerusalem*, the colorful collage took more than five years of painstaking work to complete. It was especially designed to enhance the dining room at the Terrace.

The exquisite craftsmanship needlework wall hanging is more than 10 feet wide and consists of four 42-inch by 32-inch panels.

Anne Jacobson, president of the Needle Artists, explains that the piece incorporates a variety of needlework techniques including crocheting, needlepoint, quilting and embroidering. The names of the participants are embroidered into the picture's background.

— **Cynthia Gasner**

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JIAS head gets appointment

TORONTO — Norman Mogil, national president of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, has been elected to to the board of the New York City-based Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS).

In his position as HIAS board member, Mogil will be involved in working with the board on national immigration policy. Mogil will be advocating on behalf of Jewish immigrants to Canada.

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JIS helps newcomers at holidays

TORONTO — The Jewish Information Service (JIS) will assist newcomers to the Greater Toronto area, tourists and those unaffiliated with synagogue life in finding synagogue seating for the High Holy Days.

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JNF completes successful year

MONTREAL — It has been a year of accomplishments for the Jewish National Fund of Canada which held its annual meeting recently in Montreal, according to Alan Posluns, the re-elected national president.

According to reports presented at the meeting, the Jewish National Fund met the demands of a challenging year with a worthy response.

Our historic commitment to the State of Israel, Posluns stated, continued to evoke an encouraging measure of response in communities across the country, and reached a high with the 90th anniversary tour which brought 650 Canadians into personal contact with Israel.

Posluns commended Morris Zilka, who has been with the Jewish National Fund as executive vice-president for 2½ years.

The record of achievements of this year, said Posluns, reflect the hard work of volunteers working with emissaries and staff in communities throughout the country.

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Gorbachev plants tree in JNF forest

JERUSALEM — Mikhail Gorbachev took the opportunity to plant a tree in the Jewish National Fund's Peace Forest in Jerusalem during his recent visit to Israel.

"Planting a tree is too serious a matter to be disturbed by posing," the former Soviet leader told photographers who asked him to pose during his efforts.

The planting took place at the site of a JNF project initiated by Harold and Helen Shneer and family of Toronto. Also participating were Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem, and JNF world chairman Moshe Rivlin.

After planting the tree Gorbachev watered the sapling and then helped his wife Raisa complete the planting of hers.

Kollek explained to the guests that for each child born in Jerusalem, a tree is planted in the JNF's Jerusalem Forest by the municipality and the certificate is sent to the family.

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Muki Baum gets group home

TORONTO — The Muki Baum Association will be building its first group home as part of a newly established high support residential program.

Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah congregation blessed the construction site during the recent ground breaking ceremony, saying that in Judaism, it is one of the highest mitzvahs to help another individual live a life of independence and fulfilment in a respectful and dignified way.

Rabbi Stern expressed his sense of pride and happiness at being given the opportunity to be a part of the group's effort to help young adults and welcomed the new residence to the community.

Architect Henry Stone put the ceremonial shovel into the ground following the rabbi's address.

The new home, at 379 Brooke Ave., will house five young adults, four of whom are observant Jews. Opening ceremonies are expected to take place some time in December.

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Psychiatric services needed

TORONTO — A recent study conducted by the psychiatry department at Baycrest Centre reveals that residents of nursing homes may be receiving an inadequate amount of psychiatric care. At the same time, the department has published a book outlining practical ways all health professionals in these facilities can improve care residents do receive.

According to the survey, nearly 74 percent of nursing homes for the aged respondents agree that their residents need more psychiatric care than they currently receive. They identified the most common problems are being depression, agitation, wandering and physical aggression.

The survey also found that when proper psychiatric care is not available in a long-term facility, residents often have to travel long distances to obtain it.

Some of the members of the Wagman Centre Needle Artists group pose before the collage they created. Janet Page, the creative supervisor of the Wagman Centre, is seen second row, far right.

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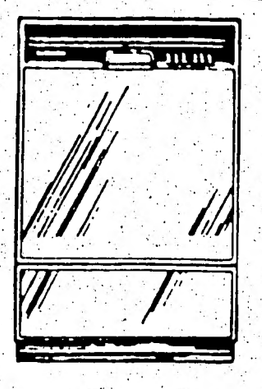

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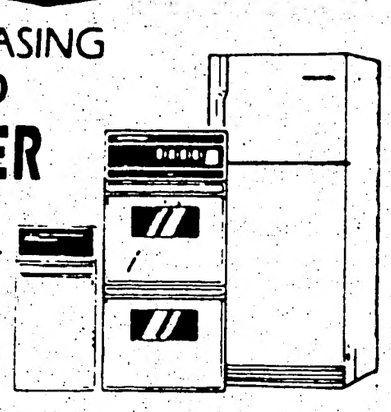

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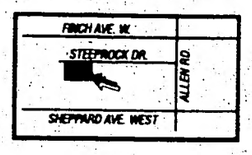

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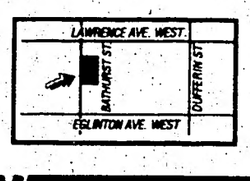

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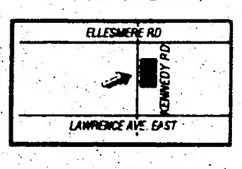

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Toronto opens heart to help Jay Feinberg

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

In a way, it was deja vu — a scene much like before.

Just as we did for Alison Atlas, the Maryland Jewish student suffering from a particularly virulent form of leukemia, nearly 900 Torontonians came out recently to a blood screening clinic for Jay Feinberg, another young Jewish person suffering from very much the same disease.

Once again, men in beards and black suits and yarmulkes and women with covered hair joined others in jeans and T-shirts and gave a sample of blood to be tested as potential bone marrow donors for one of their own.

Over and over, people explained they had come because "it was the right thing to do."

Daniel Fine had planned to come as soon as he heard that Feinberg came from the same part of Azerbaijan his family had. "How do I say no?" he asked.

Ruth Zaionz came "on the slim chance maybe I could help. We have to be our brother's keeper — who else will be?"

Like many at the clinic, she felt for Feinberg's family. "This is a heartbreaker. I salute the family for reaching out."

Elaine Tanenzapf was not able to be a donor, so she decided to come as a volunteer, welcoming people at the door of Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue in Thornhill (another clinic was held simultaneously at Shaarei Tefillah).

She saw it as "a chance to do a mitzvah.

"If everyone in the community did something in this effort, this boy and others will be saved. They have to take a positive attitude and help in whatever way they can."

Arlene Feinberg, Jay's mother, attended the clinics. Jay, she said, is "holding his own." He hopes, she added, to come himself to future clinics held in Canada.

Marshall Deltoff, a Toronto chiropractor, organized the Feinberg drive, as he did those for Alison Atlas. He also helped the drives for Toronto children Elizabeth Lue and Gordon Wue.

Because of the publicity surounding past drives, Deltoff said, there appears to be a greater sensitivity to those needing bone marrow transplants, and a greater willingness to come out and be tested.

This is especially important because, after the immediate family and close relatives, the greatest chance for a compatible donor comes from someone from the same ethnic background as the patient.

In a letter, Arlene Feinberg said "I feel deeply grateful to the people of this caring city." She noted especially the contributions of Deltoff and of Dynacare Laboratories staff who donated their time to operate the clinics.

For the first time, the names and typings of Canadian potential donors were entered directly into the Canadian Unrelated Bone Marrow Registry, a division of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Access to these typings is free of charge to registries worldwide.

The problem is that each test costs about $75 to process, a monumental expense that has to be borne by the families and their supporters, as there is no government assistance.

Further testing has been postponed temporarily for lack of funds. Those who wish to help financially, may donate to Friends of Jay Foundation, 96 Carmichael Ave., Toronto, M5M 2W9.

Alison Atlas has had a bone marrow transplant through a partial match from her mother, and remains in stable condition at her Bethesda, Maryland home. Elizabeth Wue died, as did 8-year-old David Mikhailov, a Toronto boy originally scheduled to be a beneficiary of the screening. In a bitter twist of fate, a match was found for David — just after his death.

Kol Yisroel Areivim Zeh Ba'Zeh — All Israel is responsible one for the other.

The Toronto Jewish community, again, showed that it subscribes to this ideal.

U of T dedicates hall to Arthur Kruger

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

The University of Toronto paid tribute to Prof. Arthur M. Kruger recently at a dedication ceremony to commemorate the naming of the Arthur Kruger Hall at Woodsworth College.

Kruger, who was appointed the director of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) on Jan. 1, was being honored for his contribution as Woodsworth College principal (1974-79, 1984-91) and for his efforts in completing the building.

The new Arthur Hall is the former drill hall that was built as an officer's training facility. After the war, the building was converted to an examination room.

Described by members of the staff as "an old wreck," the former drill hall was remodelled as part of the Woodsworth College expansion. The renovated hall, complete with improved heating and lighting, will be used for public lectures and it will continue to serve as an examination-writing hall.

Staff members of Woodsworth College and the honoree's wife, Betty, and daughter Noami, who is completing a master's degree in criminology at the U of T, were present at the private plaque dedication ceremony.

"I am very pleased with this honor," Kruger told *The CJN*. "I came to the U of T over 40 years ago as a student and I spent 30 years on the faculty. As I look back, I can honestly say I enjoyed every moment I spent at the U of T."

Kruger, who was the dean of the Faculty of Arts at the U of T, is a Torontonian who attended Harbord Collegiate and went on to graduate from the U of T in 1955 with an honors degree in political science and ecomomics.

He studied at the Massachusetts Instituted of Technology where, in 1959, he earned his doctorate in economics, specializing in labor economics.

In 1961, Kruger was invited to return to the U of T where he was professor of economics until December 1991 when he left to head OISE. In his 30 years as a staff member of the U of T, he held a number of administrative posts and was the director of the Jewish Studies program.

His teaching and publications have been in the area of labor economics and industrial relations. He distinguished himself as an arbitrator in labor disputes both in the public and private sectors.

Keenly interested in the Jewish day school system, Kruger served on the management committee of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, the board of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto as well as on the Toronto Jewish Congress and the Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region.

He is presently a member of the joint community relations committee of the CJC Ontario region and he serves on the advisory committee of *The CJN*. The Krugers are members of the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, August 13, is deadline for August 27 issue, and Thursday, August 20, is deadline for Sept. 3 issue). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Sunday, August 16

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

Ohr Somayach Thornhill is hosting **Prof. Nathan Aviezer-Wiser**, chairman, Department of Physics at Bar-Ilan University, for a brunch and lecture beginning at 10 a.m. at Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. The lecture is entitled More Than Meets the Eye — Contradictions Between Torah and Science.

The lecture and brunch, limited to the first 100 people, is open to all interested. Admission is $15 per person, $25 per couple. Paid reservations may be made by contacting the Ohr Somayach office at 886-5730. There will be a $5 discount to individuals returning a filled Ohr Somayach pushke at the door. The brunch follows the regular beginners Minyan starting at 8 a.m.

As well, Prof. Aviezer-Wiser will be at Ohr Somayach Thornhill for the weekend of August 14-15, where he will be lecturing over Shabbat. All interested in attending should also contact the Ohr Somayach office.

DERMER HONORED

Edith Glazer (left), first vice-president of Women's Canadian ORT and chairman of 1992 Golden Circle Luncheon, presents a plaque to Bertha Dermer, national chairman of ORT's Golden Circle, at a tribute luncheon honoring the latter's long and extraordinary services to WCO's Golden Circle. This donor category provides scholarships for the ORT School of Engineering in Jerusalem. The luncheon, held at the Park Plaza Hotel in tandem with Ontario Men's ORT, marked the Chai anniversary of the Golden Circle in Canada. A capacity crowd attended and enjoyed a concert by world-renowned cellist Ofra Harnoy.

MUSICAL-SOCIAL AFTERNOON

The 60 Plus Circle of the Hungarian-Canadian Community Services invites you to a musical-social afternoon taking place at 3 p.m. at Earl Bales Park. Operetta singer **Zoltan Kovacs**, who was a well-known member of the Bucharest Operetta Theatre, will be a major entertainer.

Refreshments will be served and parking is free. For more information, call 781-7090.

STUDENT PICNIC

Jewish Student Federation, Jewish Student Council, Jewish Student Union and Jewish Student Network are holding the third annual student picnic at 11 a.m. at Earl Bales Park. There will be a barbecue ($2) and softball game (bring your glove).

For more information, call 736-5178 or 783-1165. In case of rain, picnic will be cancelled.

GAM-ANON

Gam-anon, a self-help group for those badly affected by a member's uncontrolled gambling, meets weekly on Sunday at 8 p.m. at St. John's Hospital cafeteria, 285 Cummer Ave., Willowdale. For more information, call 366-7613.

Monday, August 17

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS

The Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians will meet at Holy Blossom Temple at 7:30 p.m. Call in confidence to **Ruth** at 763-9111.

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** and singer **Lillian Keltz** will be presenting a musical happy hour at Terrace Gardens, 3705 Bathurst St., from 2-3 p.m. The program will include Jewish traditional, Hebrew, semi-classical and popular music.

Wednesday, August 19

NIGHT OF THE MURDERED POETS

Noted Jewish scholar **David Fishman** will speak at Beth Tzedec Synagogue at the 40th commemoration of the execution of 24 Yiddish poets by the Stalin regime. Fishman is assistant professor of Jewish history at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. His topic, Jewish Culture in Russia: Remembering the Past, Looking to the Future, will be delivered in Yiddish and English.

Ethel Kovenska, star of the Habima Theatre in Israel, will recite from the works of the murdered Yiddish writers.

The event is co-sponsored by the Committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the World Jewry and International Affairs Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. The community is invited and there is no admission charge. For more information, contact **Sylvia Lustgarten**, committee for Yiddish director, at 635-2883, ext. 155.

ANOREXIA SUPPORT GROUP

A meeting of the Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group is set for 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall, Queen and Bay Streets. Program is **Frieda's** personal story on recovery from eating disorders. For information, call **Antoinette** at 766-8134.

Thursday, August 20

JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

The Toronto Jewish Film Society's 1992 season continues with *Sallah Shabbati* (Israel, 1963, Hebrew with English subtitles) starring **Haim Topol** at 7:30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

For membership information, call **Mahra Hart** at 636-1880, ext. 262. Individual tickets are $7 at the door one half hour before showtime.

And What Else Is New...

FRIENDS OF YIDDISH SOF-VOKH

Friends of Yiddish will be holding its seventh Sof-Vokh (weekend) at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound, Sept. 11-13.

Zalmen Mlotek of *Those Were the Days* and *Golden Days* fame, will be special guest and music co-ordinator for the weekend. Drama and dance workshops will be led by **Gloria Valentine** and **Sharon Herman-Merten** respectively. **Chana Erlich** will conduct a Yiddish workshop and will also act as guide for a nature walk in Yiddish.

For more information, contact **Sandy Bokser** at 883-9403.

GET INTO THE ACT!

The Leah Posluns Theatre School, 4588 Bathurst St., opens the door to theatre training for children, teens and adults. Study with professional, caring instructors. Classes are available for beginners to advanced levels. Start dates vary from Sept. 20-Oct. 26.

For further information, call 636-1880, ext. 298/287.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute for Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for fall courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.

Morning courses run Wednesdays, Sept. 9-Dec. 16, from 9:40-11:05 a.m. Evening courses run Thursdays, Sept. 17-Dec. 17, from 7:30-9 p.m. All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introductory private lessons are available for beginners.

The instructor for the beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call him at 787-0197.

OUR MUSICAL LEGACY

On Friday, August 21, following Shabbat services, Temple Sinai's Our Musical Legacy program is presenting a special Oneg Shabbat illustrated lecture by one of Israel's foremost composers **Tzvi Avni**. Professor and head of the Department of Theory and Composition as well as the Electronic Music Studio at the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance, his works include orchestral pieces, chamber music, vocal and choral music, electronic works, as well as music for ballet, theatre, art films, radio plays.

Services begin at 8:15 p.m.

PLAYGROUP FOR 2 & 3 YEAR OLDS

Have your children learn, sing and play in a fun-filled friendly Jewish environment. Programs are available for children 2 and 3 years of age (youngsters need not be toilet trained), four mornings a week, Monday-Thursday, at 44 Edinburgh Dr. Drop-off time is 8:45 a.m. and pick-up is at 11:45. Qualified teachers are on staff.

For September registration, call **Reva** at 638-2566 or **Shula** at 730-9005.

JEWISH STUDENTS' NETWORK

Jewish Students' Network-Canada is holding the Central region convention Oct. 2-4 at Maple Lake Resort and Convention Centre, Parry Sound.

FELLOWSHIP AWARD

President of Technion Prof. Zehev Tadmor (left) presents Toronto developer Nat Goldman with an Honorary Fellowship Award in recognition of his concern for the well-being of students and faculty, at a Technion ceremony in Haifa recently.

Confirmed speakers include **Aviad Ivri**, second secretary press and information of the Embassy of Israel; **Susan Jackson**, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; and **Rabbi Benjie Jacoby** of Ohr Somayach. Through seminars, workshops and social events, students and young adults will have the opportunity to learn about present day Israel, life in small Jewish communities, and the situation Jews are faced with on campuses today.

GROUP FOR INCEST SURVIVORS

Jewish Family & Child Service will be conducting a group for women who are incest survivors. For further information, call JF & CS at 638-7800 and ask for **Teri Kay**, ext. 267, or **Gail Solish**, ext. 219.

AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISORS NEEDED

The United Synagogue Day School parent committee is seeking mature students or other adults in the Bayview/Finch area to plan and supervise an after-school recreation program for children from kindergarten to Grade 5. This is a North York Parks and Recreation Community Program incentive at the Beth Tikvah campus, 3080 Bayview Ave. It operates from 3:15-5:30 p.m. (possibly extended to 6 p.m.), Monday-Thursday, starting Tuesday, Sept. 8 and continuing through June, 1993. Rate of pay is $8 to $10 an hour, depending on experience.

If you are 17 years of age or older with experience in a leadership/supervisory position working with children in a recreational setting, call **Nurith Scheinert** at 221-5219 or **Alex Sharma** at 395-6007 for an interview. Interviews will take place mid to end of August, or as arranged.

DANCE, DANCE & MORE DANCE

Dance and keep on dancing at the Koffler Centre School of Dance at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Join a beginners class for the basics or if you already dance well, choose a class for your own level. Classes are tailored for every age and interest, and include Creative, Modern, Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Ballroom and Latin, Israeli and International Folk Dancing.

Ask for your personal copy of the new fall course guide, available at all public library branches in North York, York Region, and Toronto, as well as all JCC branches, or call the Dance School at 631-5659 to have one mailed today.

OR HADASH, NEWMARKET

Or Hadash Hebrew School, Newmarket, is now taking registration for the 1992/93 year. Also, Or Hadash Congregation is holding High Holy Day services with **Rabbi David Azen** and **Margot Stein-Azen**.

For information on both school registration and High Holy Day services, contact **Lori Cohen** at 898-7506 or Fax 898-2924.

JF & CS PARENTING GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service Parenting Groups include— Positive Parenting: The Challenge of Adolescence (communication skills, realistic expectations, roles and rules, building self-esteem); Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work (building your child's self-esteem, discipline and appropriate consequences, realistic expectations); The Single Parent Challenge (positive parenting, boundaries, stress management, coping strategies); and Successful Step-Parenting (living with other people's children - a unique challenge of the '90s).

For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800.

UNCLE EARL'S PLAYGROUP

Register for Uncle Earl's Playgroup (Parents and Tots 15 months and up, and Nursery 2½ years and up) now at Earl Bales Community Centre. This program is under the auspices of

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What's New

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North York Parks and Recreation. For information, call **Glyn** at 631-0328.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and also Mincha, Maariv at 7 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m., preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits**. For information, call **David** at 256-1600.

WARRIORS DAY PARADE

General Wingate branch members of the Royal Canadian Legion invite all Jewish war veterans to join in the Warriors Day Parade at the Canadian National Exhibition, August 22. At 9:45 a.m. fall in Section 2, across from Fort York Armories. For information, call **Lionel Mernick** at 783-1329.

JEWISH RECOVERY NETWORK

Jewish Recovery Network, a self-help program for those recovering from addiction problems — gambling, alcoholism, co-dependency — is a place where Jewish men and women can talk about their recovery from a Jewish perspective. Meetings are open to those in a 12 step program, their families and those seeking help.

The next discussion, entitled Fear and Faith, is slated for Sunday, August 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Room 206. For details, call 225-0547.

BIBLICAL JEWISH ART

Forest Hill Place Retirement Residence, 645 Castlefield Ave., is presenting a two-part series with artist/calligrapher **Maxine Blendis** on Biblical Jewish Art and Jewish Ceremonial Objects. The dates are Thursday, August 13 and August 20, at 2 p.m.

Early reservations are requested as seating is limited. Call **Marlene White** at 785-1511.

LIVING WITH CANCER

The Canadian Cancer Society is hosting a Living with Cancer support group to help cancer patients take control of their lives.

The East Metro group meets the first and third Thursday from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Bendale Acres board room, 2920 Lawrence Ave. E. Contact the Scarborough Unit at 261-6942 for more information.

The Central Metro group meets alternate Wednesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Canadian Cancer Society, 20 Holly St., Suite 101. Contact the Central Toronto Unit at 485-0222 for more information.

at the JCC

This year's fourth annual Tu b'Av celebration taking place Thursday, August 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., features a fresh air barbecue and music, drinks and dancing for singles and the young at heart. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at the North Y front desk in advance or at the door. For more information, call **Uri Doron** at 250-0821 or **Mahra Hart** at 636-1880. Party moves indoors in case of rain.

The JCC Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) invites you to try Israeli dancing on the roof Thursday, August 13, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Admission is $2. For information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

The rooftop tradition at the Bloor Y continues. Come and join in an evening of dancing and socializing at the rooftop party Thursday, August 20, from 7-11 p.m. Cost is $12. Admission is limited to 150 people. Call 924-6211 for information.

Registration for fall classes at the Bloor Y begins Sunday, August 23. Pick up your course guide.

for seniors

The next luncheon meeting of **LZA Seniors Club** takes place Wednesday, August 19, at 11:30 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Registration for the Miami trips will be held on that day, beginning at 10 a.m. Registration also takes place each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the centre. A trip to the 30,000 Islands including a boat trip leaving from Midland and a buffet luncheon is planned for August 24. The Discussion Group continues Tuesday mornings at 10 and the Dance Group gets together Tuesdays at 1 p.m. For more details, call 630-9444.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is August 16, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre library, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Sunshine Seniors 50 Plus invites you to enjoy fun-filled day-away tours — Wednesday, Sept. 2, Stage West, with buffet and live play; Thursday, Sept. 10, guided tour of the Kawarthas, Curve Lake, Peterborough, and buffet; Monday, Sept. 14, Buffalo shopping tour; Wednesday, Sept. 23, fall color tour, Niagara, lunch at the Oban Inn; Thursday, Oct. 15, a lively oompapa day at Kitchener Octoberfest with singing, dancing, buffet. Details about the winter holiday in Florida will be coming up shortly. All tours include surprise extras. For information, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

Sunrise Group is arranging a Florida supersaver trip Nov. 16-29 with luxury coach transportation, visits to Pennsylvania, Virginia, Alleghany Mountains, Fayetville, N.C., Daytona Beach, Orlando, Universal, Disney and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, Epcot, Disneyworld, Cypress Gardens, Bok Tower, and deluxe Blue Cross. The cost (Canadian funds) is $795 double, $750 triple, $695 quad, $1,095 single. Also, there's the Catskill trip at the Pines Hotel, August 31-Sept. 4 for $495. For information, call **Esther** at 923-2534.

Wagman Centre happenings include a multicultural party Thursday, August 13, from 2-4 p.m. with guests from other senior groups and featuring singer **Jenny Pressman** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**, Trinita-Latin Caribbean Dance Group, Calamara-Latin American Dance Group, and Muyacan-Equadorian Dance Group; annual book sale of good used books Tuesday, August 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the hospital corridor (opposite gift shop); a concert Sunday, August 16, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; songs of Broadway and more with **George and Sharon Frank**, Tuesday, August 18, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.; summer outing to St. Jacob's and Elmira Wednesday, August 26.

The Jewish Community Centre Choir, known as the **JCC Singers**, will be performing at the Seniors Jubilee Concert at Roy Thomson Hall, Monday, August 17 at 2 p.m. This is one of the highlights of a season that included concerts at Harbourfront, the CNE, as well as at seniors' residences and hospitals. If would like to add singing as a hobby and enjoy performing on stage, join this choir by coming out to rehearsals Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St., Room 221. Reading music is not a prerequisite. All voices are welcome. For bookings and information, call the president, **Dolly Brown**, at 636-9468.

SAJAC Seniors (South African Jewish Association in Canada) is planning a trip to Montreal by bus Sept. 6-9. The tour includes Old Montreal, Notre Dame Basilica, Montreal's islands and harbor, Hochelaga Maison Neuve Olympic installation, Bio-Dome, botanical gardens, shopping at Place Royale and more. Contact **Sybil Berley** at 449-6065 or **Thea Abramson** at 499-2895.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma is meeting at the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St., Monday, August 17, at 7 p.m. for an evening of bingo. Members are free, non-members $2. For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include— a dance in the clubhouse Saturday, August 15, from 7-10 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); dance with a live band Sunday, August 16, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (members $3, non-members $4); the movie *Casablanca* starring **Humphrey Bogart**, Wednesday, August 19, at 2 p.m.; Buffalo shopping trip, Tuesday, Sept. 8 (members only, $20); annual bazaar Sunday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (donations of good clean used clothing and household items needed); local day trips for members only ($5). For information on all events, call the club office at 636-7856.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club has arranged a trip to Fenelon Falls Thursday, August 27. A 90-minute video by **Victor Borge** will be screened Monday, August 31, at 1 p.m. And the super Israeli trip is set for March 1-22. Ongoing programs will continue. For information on all programs and trips, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

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The film *Dr. Zhivago* will be screened Sunday, August 16, at 2:30 p.m. Free for members, $1 non-members.

An afternoon of music with **Helen Knight** is arranged for Wednesday, August 19, at 1:30 p.m. Charge is $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members.

About People

SYNAGOGUE EXECUTIVE

At the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation's recent elections, the following were elected to the 1992/93 executive: **Glenn Bowman**, president; **Leonard Golberg**, first vice-president; **Dr. Alfred Lightstone**, second vice-president; **Marvyn Budd**, third vice-president; **Steven Picov**, treasurer; **Van Shron**, secretary; **Mark Freedman, Bernard Rubin** and **Darryl Beber**, trustees, and **Shirley Zuckerbrot**, immediate past president.

B&P PROGRAM

The Business and Professional Women's Network (B&P) of United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus featured Wendy Dennis (third from left), noted Canadian journalist and author of the bestseller Hot and Bothered, as guest speaker of its spring program held at Adath Israel Synagogue recently. Seen with her are (from left) Hedy Frisch, B&P programming chairman; Roz Lofsky, B&P co-chairman; Charlene Linzon, B&P co-chairman; Barbara Bregman, B&P programming co-chairman; and Marcia Schnoor, spring program co-chairman. [Jay Brodbar photo]

ISRAEL FAMILY FAIR

Recently the Downtown Jewish Community School (DJCS) and the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch co-sponsored the second Israel Family Fair which was attended by approximately 400 people. A mini-Israel was created out of the Bloor Y auditorium with posters, signs, Israeli food and displays plus a 'Lod Airport' welcoming booth where visitors had their 'passports' stamped and were given a Facts About Israel Visitors' Guide prepared by DJCS Grade 2 classes. Seen above, DJCS Grade 1 teacher Anne Harari demonstrates the Kibbutz Game.

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Organizations and People

Montreal 'orphans' hold reunion

MONTREAL —

The youngest of them are in their mid-60s now, but when former residents of two Montreal Jewish orphanages get together they are exuberant kids again, sharing a special bond that hasn't diminished with the years.

About 50 "alumni," as they call themselves, of the Montefiore Hebrew Orphans Home and the Montreal Hebrew Orphans Home and their spouses and, in a few cases, their children, gathered here for a weekend reunion. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of the closing of the orphanage, better known as the Westmount home.

A large number came from elsewhere in Canada and the United States. Some had not seen each other in 30 or 40 years.

Organizer Myer Gordon of Toronto, who spent 10 years in the Montefiore home on Jeanne Mance Street, said alumni still refer to their fellow orphans as "brothers" and "sisters" because of their deep feeling for one another. The newsletter Gordon and his wife Judy edit for alumni is called *Mishpocha* (family). Over 135 names are on the mailing list.

Contrary to the image of orphanages as dark places of misery and despair, these homes were the scenes of the "happiest days of our lives" — a sentiment expressed frequently at the reunion.

"Whatever I became in life, whatever I am today, I owe to my upbringing at the orphanage," said Gordon, 71.

Gordon was placed in the orphanage at the age of 5 and went to work at 13, never even starting high school. In later years, he became a salesman and has lived in Toronto for over 20 years.

When the Montefiore home closed in 1936, the remaining orphans were transferred to the Westmount home, located on the top of Claremount Avenue, the huge building now owned by the Catholic Church. Both homes were charitable organizations of the Jewish community.

Both accommodated up to 100 children at a time. Many orphans had one parent and were placed in the home temporarily because of the single parent's illness, poverty or other problems. They were on their own, though, at 16, the maximum age for residents.

The alumni held their first big reunion in Toronto three years ago, and this latest one may be the last, Gordon said, given the fact that everyone is getting on.

Perhaps the homes' most famous alumnus is poet Irving Layton, now 80, who attended the earlier reunion.

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B-ball team puts on good show

TORONTO —

The Jewish Community Centre (JCC) Girls' Basketball Team recently finished its season on a high note, winning two out of three games at the Juvenile A Provincial Championships in Kingston, Ont., despite missing their 15-point-per-game high scorer, Dena Weinroth.

Despite their good showing, the team, led in the tournament by Tara Lindo (with a 10.3 point per game average), Adina Herling (10 per game) and Eve Herling (7.3 points per game) missed the semi-finals of the 16-team tournament.

The team's success in the final two games, won by scores of 44-33 and 55-13, was based on "a tenacious defence," said a JCC news release.

The defensive play was spearheaded by starters Simone Frank and Amelia Jaeranny, as well as by Elina Ashkenazi, Keren Cohen, Debbie Galet, Danielle Goldfarb and Marlene Donaldson. A number of the girls will be on the Toronto JCC team at the North American JCC Maccabi Youth Games to be held later this summer in Baltimore, Md.

In addition to the girls team, a boys squad will make the trip to the youth games as well.

During the last week of August, the JCC will conduct a Basketball Day Camp for kids aged 6 to 16 at the centre's northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St.

Beginning in the autumn, the JCC will provide a special program that includes a basketball skills clinic for children aged 6 to 9 as well as house-league competition for Minor Bantam (boys and girls in Grades 5 and 6), Bantam (boys Grades 7 and 8) and Midget (boys Grades 9 and 10).

Basketball Rep team at play

A new league for girls ages 14-16 will kick off this fall as well.

In addition to the house league program, the JCC will sponsor "Rep" teams for boys at the Minor Bantam, Bantam and Midget levels and a Juvenile level girls team for those in Grades 10, 11 and 12. These teams will compete in league games in the Central East Basketball Association as well as in tournaments in Ontario, Quebec and New York State.

Tryout for all teams will take place in September.

For more information, contact Hedy Valler, the JCC's basketball program co-ordinator, at 636-1880, ext. 221.

IOC colluded in ostracizing Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Sport, particularly international sport, has appropriated for itself many of the highest ideals that diverse societies profess to attain.

It is supposed to transcend differences, bring people together, be inclusive, stand for fair play — values above and beyond the grimy world of politics and special interests.

Yet in a damning examination of the world of international sport, focusing particularly on the Olympic movement and the international sport federations that govern sports, authors Vyv Simson and Andrew Jennings have laid bare the cliched, self-promoting world of the Olympic organization and showed a side of sport that is crass, materialistic and anything but altruistic.

The Lords of the Rings, Power, Money and Drugs in the Modern Olympics, Stoddart, $26.95, examines the goings and doings of the current Olympic elite — not the elite athletes, but the chauffeur-driven, dark-suited power brokers behind the movement.

At the top of the heap is Juan Antonio Samaranch, the Spanish president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), who the authors claim had close ties to the former Franco regime that headed Spain until 1975.

The authors note that at the start of his journey up the Olympic ladder, Samaranch served as vice president of the committee organizing the second Mediterranean Games in Barcelona in 1955 — a competition that excluded Israeli participation.

Israel's ostracism in the world of international sport did not end there, the authors write.

With the rise to prominence in the world of international sport of the largesse-distributing Sheik Fahd Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, a member of Kuwait's billionaire ruling family, Israel's position deteriorated even further. Fahd, the authors contend, intended to eliminate Israel from Asian sporting activities by creating a new Asian federation without Israel. He did so through the liberal use of petro-dollars, buying or at least renting the support of Asian nations.

In 1978, the organizers of the Asian Games in Bangkok announced that Israeli athletes would not be able to compete.

In 1982, Fahd led the Arab states and other Asian countries in a move to exclude Israel from the Games in New Delhi — ostensibly on the grounds of lack of security.

The IOC withheld official recognition of the games, though 10 members of the organization attended and Samaranch held a series of "private" visits in India at the time.

Soon afterwards, at the behest of Fahd, the Asian Games Federation ceased to exist and the Olympic Council for Asia (OCA) was born, the purpose of which was to exclude Israel, the authors contend.

In 1983, the IOC bestowed its blessing on the OCA, an organization whose "sole reason for being was a contradiction of the fundamental requirements of the Olympic Charter," the authors write.

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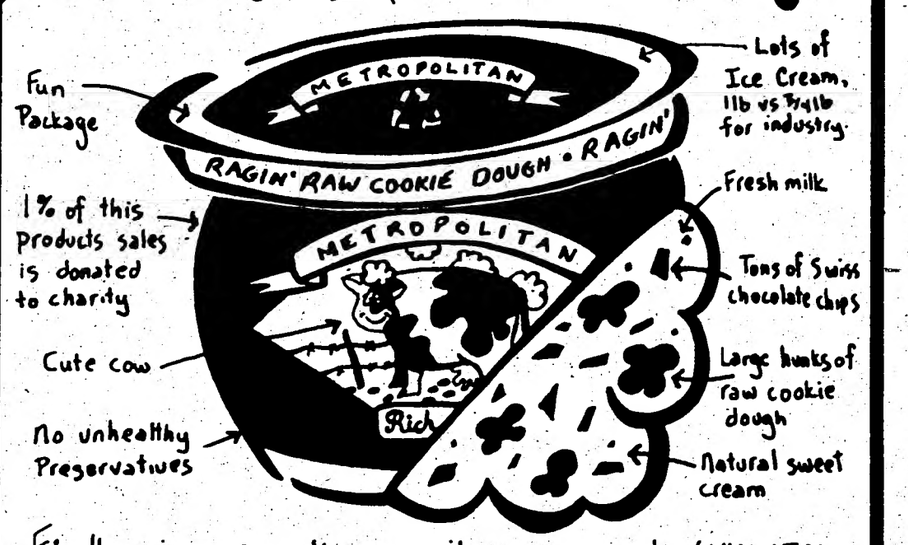

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Organizations and People

Manitoba multiculturalism act emphasizes shared aspirations

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Manitoba has a new multiculturalism act which is designed to emphasize the diversity of Manitobans (and Canadians) as well as their shared values and aspirations.

The act, which received royal assent in June, is the culmination of a process that began in May, 1990, when Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon and Bonnie Mitchelson, minister of culture, heritage and citizenship, announced Manitoba's policy for a multicultural society.

That policy has resulted in Mitchelson being appointed as the cabinet minister responsible for multiculturalism, a multiculturalism secretariat to work through the government toward the multicultural ideal and a community access office. The office, which was opened last May, will help groups and individuals in dealing with government departments and agencies.

The Manitoba Multiculturalism Act incorporates the three aforementioned initiatives. In introducing the act in the provincial legislature, Mitchelson noted that, in drafting the legislation, she consulted with a large number of multicultural groups.

"Multiculturalism is an all-inclusive term incorporating every person of every cultural background including Manitobans of aboriginal, French and British background," she said. The act's opening sentence reinforces this by stating that Manitoba has always been a multicultural society dating back to the aboriginal peoples.

The act reads "the diversity of Manitobans as regards culture, religion and racial background is a fundamental characteristic of Manitoban society which benefits all Manitobans economically, socially and culturally."

The principles imbedded in the legislation include the recognition and promotion of cultural diversity as a strength and source of pride for Manitobans and the recognition and promotion of equal access for all Manitobans, regardless of culture, religion or racial background.

As well, an arts branch has been established within Mitchelson's department. It will fund community-based art including folk and ethnocultural art.

An anti-racism co-ordinator was also appointed within the citizenship division of Mitchelson's department to co-ordinate and implement anti-racism initiatives such as an anti-racism training program.

Reitzes named to JFGT post

TORONTO —
Alan Reitzes, associate director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and director of the community planning and allocations committee, has been named acting executive director of the federation.

Reitzes will fill in for Steve Ain, who left the executive director's post in June to take over United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Reitzes will take over until the federation's personnel committee chooses Ain's permanent replacement.

BBW/C plans weekend to explore heritage

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —
Jewish women of all ages are invited to explore their heritage at B'nai Brith Women of Canada's fourth annual Jewish Experience Weekend, to be held Sept. 11 to 13 at the Carriage House Motor Inn in Gananoque.

The weekend's theme will be Jewish and Female: choices and changes in our lives today. Susan Weidman Schneider, well-known author and editor-in-chief of *Lilith*, the only independent Jewish women's magazine in the United States, will serve as scholar-in-residence for the weekend.

Sessions will include discussions on changes and celebrations in Jewish women's lives, new rituals, moving beyond stereotypes, intermarriage, and the future of Judaism. Shabbat will be observed with creative services.

Past Jewish Experience Weekends have attracted women ranging in age from 17 to 85, representing a variety of backgrounds, both religious and non-religious, says Eileen Fields, member services co-ordinator.

The atmosphere is intimate, explained Fields, given the limited accommodation available. Capacity for the weekend is about 100 women.

Dairy meals planned

All meals served on the weekend will be dairy, and carpools are being arranged from both Toronto and Montreal.

Registration fees range from $175 for members, based on double occupancy, to $225 (non-members, double occupancy). Annual dues for B'nai Brith Women of Canada are $50 (the difference between the member and non-member fees).

Deadline for registration is August 21. For further information or to register, call 416-630-9313 (Toronto) or 514-487-2330 (Montreal).

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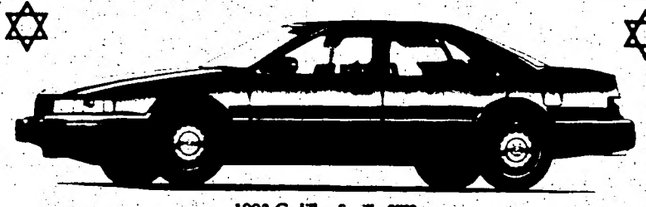

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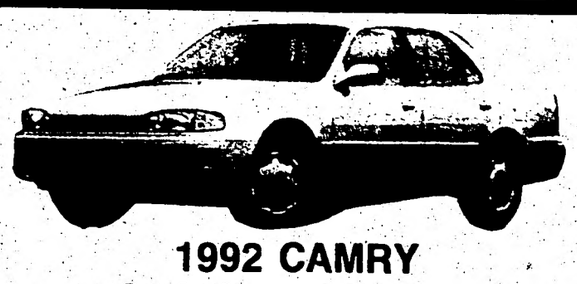

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New Jewish schools set for Vaughan

By PAUL LUNGEN

VAUGHAN — Construction could begin within a few months on the first of two new day schools in the heart of the Jewish community in the city of Vaughan.

Netivot Hatorah Day School is close to concluding the legal paperwork necessary before groundbreaking on the Atkinson Avenue site can occur, but the school is optimistic the necessary building permits will be on hand shortly, school administrator Alan Steinfeld said last week.

"We hope to begin construction sometime within the next few months," he said.

Linda Friedman, administrator at the Leo Baeck Day School, said the Reform-oriented school also hopes to be occupying a new campus in September 1993, but before construction can begin, further steps have to be taken to "complete financial arrangements."

The school has set a goal of $5 million for its campaign and a committee headed by Helen Goldlist has been at work raising funds since last spring, Friedman said.

Netivot Hatorah, an Orthodox school for both boys and girls, estimates the cost of its new building at $3 million, but the final tally depends on how many of the proposed stages of construction are commenced. Steinfeld said the school had "made substantial strides in meeting the fundraising goals."

The city of Vaughan recently approved a site plan application for the six-acre property on Atkinson Avenue, just south of Centre Street. The land, currently owned by the United Jewish Welfare Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, will be sold as three-acre parcels to each school, Steinfeld said.

Netivot, Leo Baeck planning structures

Netivot is planning a building that will house up to 525 students, up from its current enrolment of 420. Leo Baeck is estimating its maximum student population will reach 500 at the new facility. Its Kenton Street campus, which is leased from North York, will accommodate about 380 when school begins in September.

Friedman said Leo Baeck began looking for a new school site about five years ago, when, during North York's "French immersion crisis," it became clear Leo Baeck was vulnerable to the city's needs for school space. While that situation was ironed out and the current school lease extended to August 1993, "we are vulnerable to new programs and needs of North York," she said.

Steinfeld said Netivot Hatorah is currently renting premises in three synagogues: at Beth David Bnai Israel Beth Am on Yeomans Road, for kindergarten to Grade 4; from Temple Sinai on Wilson Avenue, for Grades 5-8; and, as of September, from Beth Avraham Yoseph on Clark Avenue, for two kindergarten classes.

A new facility will eliminate the need for two of the three current locations, Steinfeld said.

Both Steinfeld and Friedman say their demographic analyses point to the Vaughan area as home for many of their students.

Steinfeld said the new school will be a major improvement over current, "inadequate" facilities, with larger classes, gyms and labs, as well as a beth midrash for prayer.

Friedman said a new building will not mean the end of the school's south location at the Holy Blossom Temple, which will continue to house the senior kindergarten and Grade 1 classes, with possible room for extra grades.

According to city of Vaughan planning documents, provided by councillor Bernie Green, the Leo Baeck school will appear from Atkinson Avenue as a 2½-storey edifice, while Netivot Hatorah will be two storeys in height.

The Leo Baeck Day School will also provide office space for the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, Friedman said.

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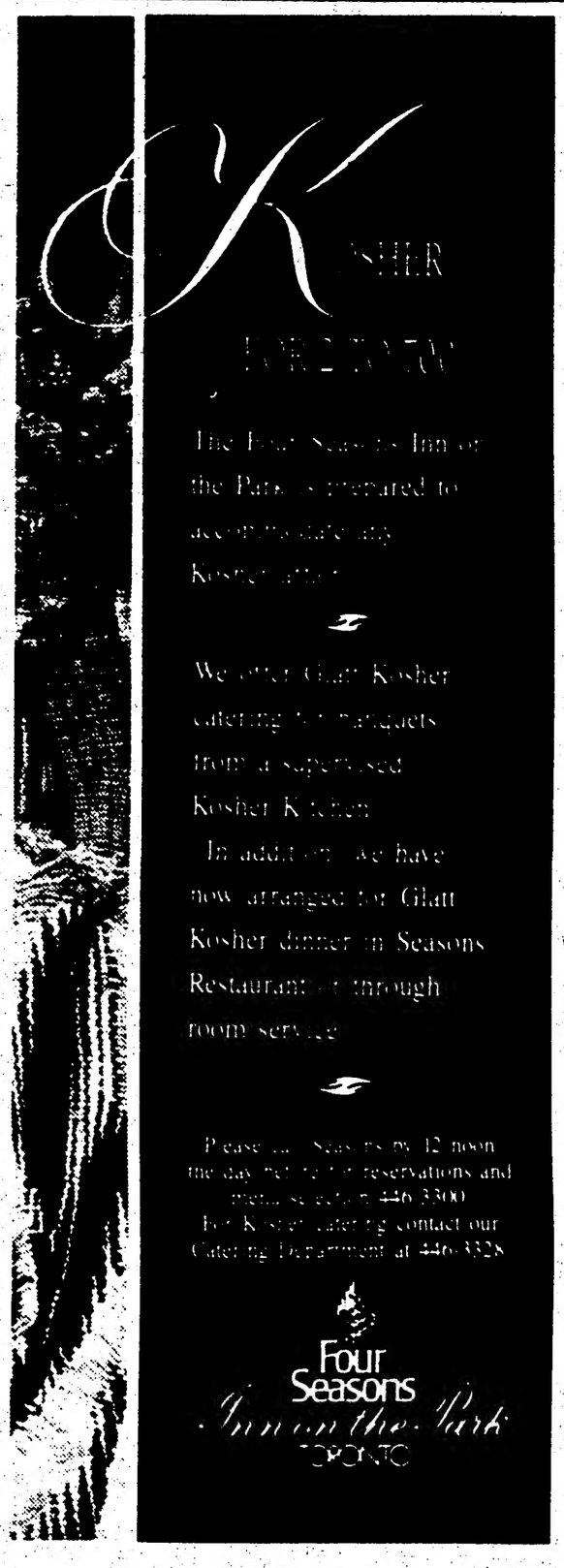

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Organizations and People

Former Camp Biluimniks hold Ontario reunion

By IDELE ROSS

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"See that guy," one participant smiled, "well, 30 years ago he was considered a radical because at one of our conventions he insisted aliyah be part of Young Judaea's manifesto and I disagreed. Today I'm the Jewish professional wanting to live in Israel and he's a salesman."

The reunion was organized by Mark and Barbie Heller who grew up in Young Judaea, met and married. They immigrated to Israel in 1979 and were ending a sabbatical year in Canada.

"It's been 30 years since we went to Biluim," adds Mark, who teaches at Tel Aviv University's Jaffa Centre of Strategic Studies. "Young Judaea and the summer camps were formidable experiences for all of us, especially those of us who went on to the Machon Young Leadership Training Institute."

Everyone agreed that Young Judaea gave them a solid Zionist education that has stayed with them now that they are raising their own families.

Ben Prossin, Jewish National Fund executive director, Ontario region, credits Young Judaea with instilling the "Jewish, Zionist bug" in him. "A number of us have stayed friends in Israel and Canada because of the youth movement and summer camps. I think a key factor is that most of us came from small towns."

Niagra Falls native Brian Greenspan, a prominent Toronto criminal lawyer, noted that even though everyone's life has gone in a different direction, Biluim gave them all a sense of continuity which they still share.

Many of the participants said that, in fact their own children had just returned from Camp Shalom or that others were unable to attend the reunion because it was the same weekend as parents' day at the camp.

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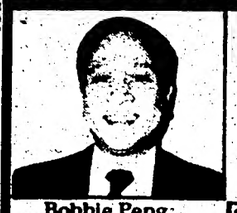
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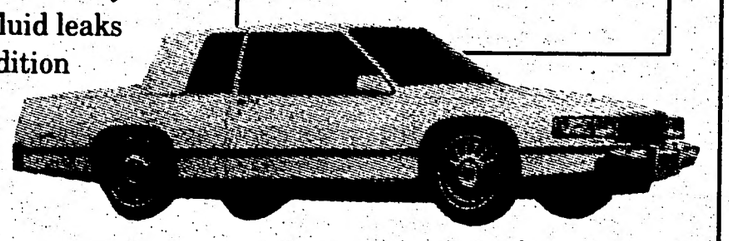

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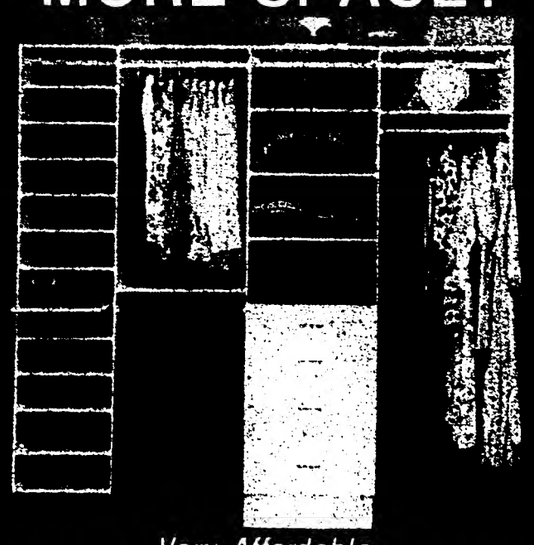

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More than 800 of Ontario's most talented senior entertainers — from singers and dancers to comedians and brass bands — have landed a spot on the stage at this year's Royal Bank Seniors' Jubilee, at Roy Thomson Hall, Aug. 17-20.

Among those performing at this year's concerts will be several Jewish acts. They include the Jewish Community Singers under the direction of Esther Ghan Firestone and the Chai International Folk Dancers who appear on Aug. 17.

This is the fourth year for Seniors' Jubilee and the second sponsored by Royal Bank.

The event begins at 11:30 a.m. daily with sing-alongs, dance bands and novelty acts. At 1 p.m. the show begins on the auditorium's main stage.

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The Infinity Fine Art Gallery recently launched its live art series with an evening of poetry featuring Rafi Aaron.

Originally from Ottawa, Aaron lived in Israel for the last 10 years and was the recipient of, among his other awards, the 1990 Tel Aviv Foundation Writers' grant. His poems have been published in Hebrew.

Among his selections was a poem entitled, *After The Death of Marnie Kimelman by Palestinian Terrorists on A Tel Aviv Beach, July 1990.*

Aaron was in Tel Aviv on the day the Toronto teenager was killed when a bomb exploded on a Tel Aviv beach.

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Prof. Andrzej Jus, the co-recipient of the 1992 Joseph Tanenbaum Prize in Holocaust Literature, recently died one week after being awarded the prize with his wife for their book *Our Journey Through the Valley of Tears.*

His widow, Prof. Karolina Jus, has donated the monetary award to the book committee as an award in the name of Andrzej and Karolina Jus, for the Holocaust literature prize in 1993, to help perpetuate the prize in this category.

The book is written in memory of all Jewish people who were exterminated by the Nazis during the Holocaust and those who risked their own lives to save others.

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Shanghai was home to Jewish refugees

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In the late 1930s and early 1940s, Shanghai was a haven for European Jewish refugees fleeing the horrors of Nazism. About 17,000 Jews streamed into this rowdy Chinese city, knowing full well that all they needed was a ship's ticket.

A visa was not required, as it was everywhere else. No other destination in the world at that time was as accessible and hospitable as Shanghai.

Yet Shanghai, as Toronto filmmaker Karen Shopsowitz observes in her engaging documentary, *A Place To Save Your Life*, was not exactly an enticing metropolis.

To the average European Jew, Shanghai was strange, crowded, chaotic and wild. It evoked a sense of culture shock, even though it was probably China's most sophisticated town. On top of it all, part of Shanghai still lay in ruins, having been bombed by Japanese forces in the 1930s.

Shopsowitz's film — recently broadcast on CBC TV and scheduled to be screened at Harvard University's Wiedner Library from Aug. 15 to Aug. 18 as part of an exhibition on Jews in China — is a portrait of a Jewish refugee community from 1938 to the end of World War II. She evokes the spirit of the times through the medium of on-camera interviews and archival and contemporary footage.

A Place To Save Your Life is a documentary of some historic importance. In the future, researchers interested in the problem of Jewish refugees during World War II would do well to screen it.

As Shopsowitz points out, the refugees arrived in Shanghai with little more than their lives. Once there, they were assisted by a small but wealthy Jewish community of Sephardis and Russians. The refugees hoped that Shanghai would be nothing more than a way station en route to the West.

Yet, for some, Shanghai turned out to be more than a temporary sanctuary. Shopsowitz says that the last Jewish refugee departed in the late 1970s.

The Japanese, who controlled Shanghai and who had an alliance with Nazi Germany, welcomed them because of their misguided belief in the awesome power of world Jewry. The Japanese authorities did not persecute the Jews, although they forced virtually all of them into a teeming ghetto-like neighborhood in 1943. There were rumors of gas chambers being built, but they proved unfounded.

The threat of starvation and disease did not prevent the refugees from creating a niche within the larger Jewish community and establishing a rich cultural life. They had their own hospital, synagogue and newspaper, as well as schools, theatres and clubs. And, Shopsowitz notes, they learned how to cope with Japanese authoritarianism and to coexist with their Chinese neighbors.

Being occupied by Japan, Shanghai was repeatedly bombarded by the U.S. air force in the waning months of the war. Jewish refugees were killed in these raids.

After the war, the refugees began to leave. Canada let in approximately 100 craftsmen and their families. The rest eventually went to the United States, Israel and elsewhere.

A unique chapter in modern Jewish history thus came to a close.

Heritage group delights in outdoor Yiddish concert

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The Heritage Dancers and Players of Wagman Centre were given a new prominence in the annual Yiddish concert at Skylight Theatre in Earl Bales Park recently, much to the delight of the audience.

Their Sephardi dance, aided by beautiful costumes with an eastern touch, was a particular hit. The dancers, led by Rachel English, included Esther Rine, Helen Davis, Ruth Bleiwas, Emma Belkina, Helen Rumanek, Helen Batcher and Rose Goldhar.

The high point of the concert was an ensemble rendition of *Am Yisroel Chai* and *Alle Brider* (We Are All Brothers) by soloist Jenny Eisenstein, performers Alan Farkas and Michael Lebovic, the Heritage Singers and Dancers, with a spirited response from the audience.

Because so many had been turned away from previous concerts, the *Yiddish Alive in Israel* show was put on twice. The afternoon concert at 4 p.m. was about two-thirds full, but the evening one was bursting at the seams, as usual.

Reflecting a four-month stay in Israel, Nathan Garnick, the master of ceremonies, introduced *Kan Noladeti*, a Russian-flavored song on the Israeli hit parade, *Ma Asapra,* heard at a seder in Mea Shearim, a skit involving Chassidim and their longing for the Mashiach, and music from an Ethiopian bris and Moroccan and Yemenite weddings.

Farkas and Lebovic did their usual fine job with the well-known skit *Israel Firefighters*, Farkas' winning appeal for help to fight a fire in a neighbor's house bringing the inevitable guttural skepticism from fireman Lebovic.

Garnick's unerring showbiz sense misfired, however, in using Farkas and Lebovic in the singing skit *Mashiach Kumt*. They are at their best in vernacular Yiddish skits, where the language comes from the pit of the stomach, the Yiddish of the broad European masses, and *Mashiach Kumt* failed on this score.

Michael Khinkis and his orchestra, violin soloist Alex Kogut and Nathan Rosen, the Heritage's resident musician, all contributed to a gala evening of fun.

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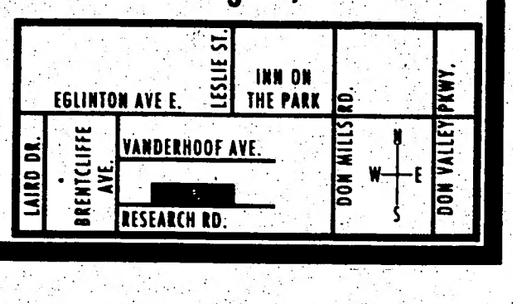

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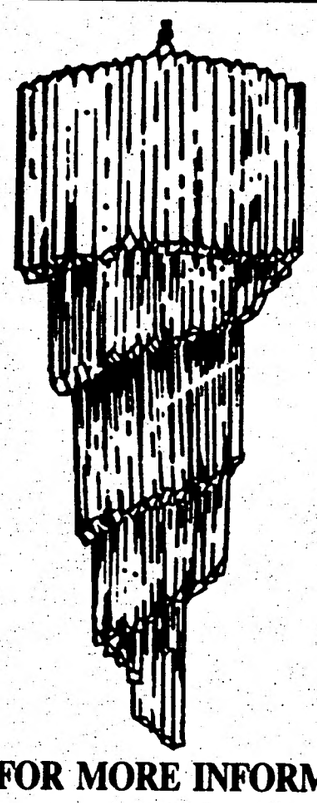

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Hirsch shines in NY show

By GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK —

American playwright Herb Gardner, whose 1986 hit *I'm Not Rappaport* is still enjoying great success, has chronicled an uneven, but eventually moving tragi-comedic play about a Russian Jewish family, covering a 40-year span (1936-1976). The locale is the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

Conversations with my Father is about an almost impossible father (Judd Hirsch) whose all-American workingman's bar serves as the scene of a difficult father-son relationship, with extra strong emphasis on the father's troubled Jewish soul. The play is about the toughness of life. It's also about failure. It's about a father's poor judgment in hot pursuit of the American Dream.

Gardner deals both poignantly and painfully with an immigrant's yearning to retain a Jewish identity, conflicting with his fierce quest to assimilate into American society and become a "go-getting" American.

One of the first things he does is change his name from Itzhak Golberg to Eddie Ross (after the boxer Barney Ross), in order to lend more credence to his Americanization. Eddie wants his two sons, Joey and Charlie, to go to Hebrew School, but he doesn't want them to wear their yarmulkes on the way. He even insists on calling his unassimilated wife, Gusta (Gordana Roshovich), Gloria.

His friend and family lodger Zaretsky (Davis Margulies), an aging star of the Yiddish Theatre, reminds Eddie of his Jewish heritage. ("You came to the melting pot and melted — melted away.") He draws attention to items in the paper about the Holocaust, that Roosevelt has not yet publicly acknowledged.

Eddie still refuses to believe that Hitler's genocide is under way. And no matter how he tries to change or hide, he can't help but be what he is. So in his tragic end he wonders why, despite his efforts to embrace the new world, he didn't make it. Why had success eluded him? "Why not me?" he asks.

Tony Shalhaub doubles as narrator and son Charlie, a prosperous but unhappy novelist, who struggles to exorcise the demons of a stubbornly uncompromising father. The younger brother Joey is killed in action in World War II.

The acting of Hirsch and Shalhaub, under the astute direction of Daniel Sullivan, is impeccable in every detail. Hirsch won the 1992 Tony Award as best actor for his unsparing portrayal of a man who gives up on his Jewish God.

Conversations With My Father is a good play, sometimes unforgettably profound, and strategically sprinkled with snappy quips to ease the intensity. It would gain even more effectiveness through being shortened a good half hour of its runnng time.

The return of anti-Semitism is part of what compelled playwright Herb Gardner to write *Conversations With My Father.*

Appearing for an indefinite run at Royale Theatre, 242 West 45th St. For tickets call Telecharge (212) 239-6262.

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Out of the pages of Damon Runyon came the racy musical fable *Guys & Dolls*, considered by many to be the classic Broadway musical of all time. Certainly it is New York's own magnificent fairy tale. With a tough exterior and a heart of gold, it is inundated with a flamboyant array of colorful and funny characters, the likes of which have not been seen along the Broadway-Jewish venue since its original opening more than 40 years ago.

Guys & Dolls is very much alive again, at Broadway and 45th, where even standing room is selling out for all performances. The whole production takes on new vibrancy under the highly innovative direction of the gifted Jerry Zaks, who is vastly aided by the eye-popping designs of Tony Walton and the sharply staged dances of Christopher Chadman, inspired by the wonderful libretto of Abe Burrows and so well integrated with Frank Loesser's brilliant score.

After the rousing opener *Fugue For Tinhorns*, one smash Loesser song after another comes tumbling out (17 all told, and not a dud among them). And no one purveys them better than Hot Box chanteuse Faith Prince, who plays squeaky-voiced Adelaide, the well-known fiancée of Nathan Detroit. She was born to play the part, and you just can't take your eyes off her.

As the executive officer of the oldest floating crap game in town, Nathan Lane gives an exciting and hilarious performance as long-suffering Adelaide's 14-year fiancé, Nathan Detroit.

Limited space prevents our saluting other delightful participants, but I must admit that the only member of the original cast that is irreplaceable is Stubby Kaye, who played Nicely-Nicely Johnston, a rotund sidewalk horse philosopher.

Interesting Note: You will have a chance to catch this megahit at the Royal Alexandra Theatre next year. Ed and David Mirvish will be bringing the production in on June 1 to July 17, 1993 to coincide with the opening of *Miss Saigon* at their new theatre (now under construction) on May 31, 1993, surely a highlight week in the careers of Canada's most distinguished theatrical entrepreneurs.

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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Creative Spirit by Daniel Goleman, Paul Kaufman, Michael Ray (McClelland & Stewart, $32.99)

What is creativity? How is it to be nurtured?

Sometimes it is a form of chutzpah. Some years ago in a Broadway show a young man is depicted in a rush to reach the top. One episode in this young man's master plan for success finds him arriving at the office in the morning, 15 minutes before his boss, and unshaven. In due course, the boss arrives to find our would-be executive with tousled hair, bent over a desk awash with papers. At this point, the ambition-ridden youth looks up and says: "Oh, hello sir, is it morning already?" Misguided though he may be, this man is creative.

Sometimes creativity is the result of curiosity. Albert Einstein's fascination with physics began when he was just 5, when he was ill in bed. His father brought him a present — a small magnetic compass. For hours, Einstein lay in bed, entranced by the needle that infallibly pointed the way north. When he was close to 70, Einstein said, "This experience made a deep impression on me. Something deeply hidden had to be behind things." Curiosity led to a creative quest for meaning in the universe.

Sometimes creativity is the result of naivete and persistence. Marvin Pipkin, a young new engineer in General Electric's lamp division was assigned the task of devising a method to frost bulbs on the inside. This was a joke played on the new worker by oldtimers. Everyone knew that it couldn't be done. Pipkin not only broke the impasse and found a way to frost bulbs on the inside, but also found a way to strengthen each bulb. No one told Pipkin it couldn't be done. He was naive and persistent enough to do the impossible.

Sometimes creativity flows out of a stubbornness to accept educated opinion. It means to reject critical judgement. Consider these monumental misjudgements. Daryl Zanuck, head of Twentieth Century Fox movie studio, said in 1926 about television, "Video won't be able to hold on to any market it captures after the first six months. People will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night." Lord Kelvin in 1895 assured the world, "Heavier than air flying machines are impossible." Western Union turned down rights to the telephone because "What use could the company make of an electric toy."

The Creative Spirit, a companion to the PBS television series, is an illustrated handbook about how new ideas coupled with emotional and intellectual openmindedness can change the quality of our lives. The book's powerful message is that creativity can be cultivated by anyone. It is accessible to children and adults, to companies and to entire communities. Moreover, it need not be limited to art, music and the theatre. It can apply equally to government and science and to everyday living.

In a grand tour of creativity around the world, the authors of this helpful volume explore such ideas as these: daring to be innovative, the art of listening, learning from risk, overcoming negativity and the value of intuition.

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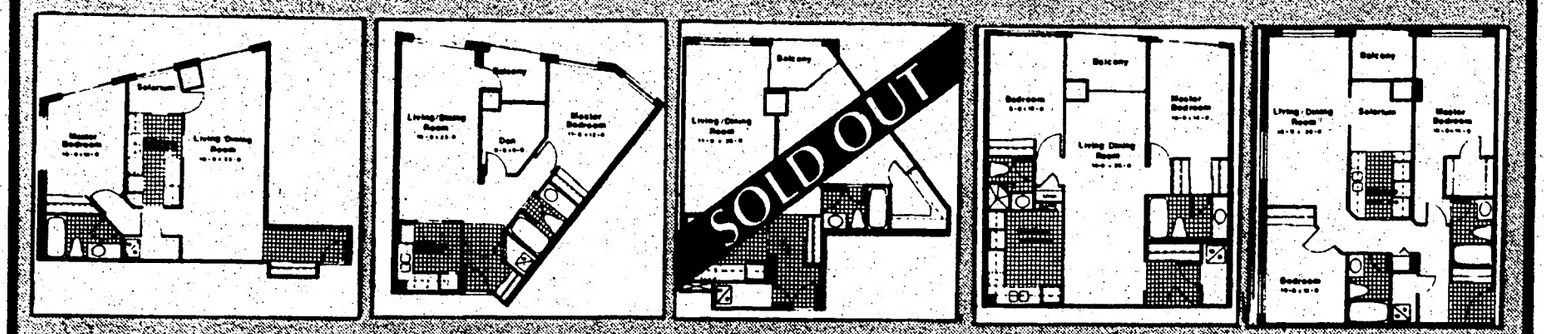

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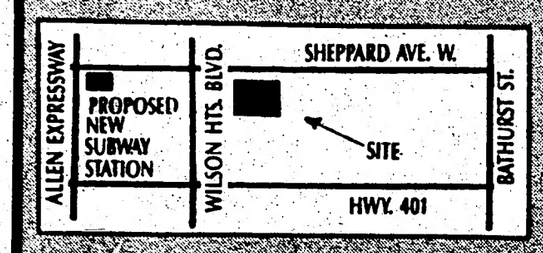

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Alberta vacation helps to dispel the 'worries'

By FRANCES KRAFT

LAKE LOUISE, ALTA. —

The words "family vacation" took on new meaning for our family of four when we planned to meet my 27-year-old, single brother-in-law in Vancouver last month for a five-day trip through the Rockies to Banff.

As the descendent of a long line of worriers, I wondered how we would balance the wants and needs of Sari, 6, and Ryan, 9, with those of my brother-in-law Kenny, an inveterate and adventurous traveller.

To be honest, and to the credit of my grandmothers, each of whom was a champion worrier, I also worried about whether the experience would scare Kenny off marriage and fatherhood forever, not to mention whether my in-laws would ever forgive us if that happened.

Aside from an hour-long wrangle with Ryan on the importance of wearing uncomfortable shoulder belts in our rented van, and a similar discussion with Sari concerning our choice of souvenirs, the trip was an overwhelmingly positive experience for all of us.

Much of the trip's success was due to our choice of destination. The scenery from the windows of our van was mesmerizing — wisps of cloud hanging just out of reach, the rainbow that followed a brief shower, snow-capped mountains, blue-tinged glaciers and mirror-like lakes of deep turquoise. Even the kids were impressed. Ryan said it looked like someone had sprinkled sugar on the mountains.

We tried about half a dozen of the many scenic hiking trails in the Lake Louise and Banff area. Sari proved to be an intrepid hiker, coaxing mountain squirrels to pose for the camera and often leading the way for the rest of us. Inhaling the moist, sweet air on the path leading to Fairview Lookout above Lake Louise, she told us, "It smells like candy floss."

Although we found it hard to imagine a view more compelling than the postcard-perfect Lake Louise, a Vancouverite friend had said that we would find one at Moraine Lake, 12 miles from Lake Louise.

We had to find out for ourselves what could possibly "put Lake Louise to shame." I still maintain that nothing can, but Moraine Lake is no less beautiful. Its claim to fame is its depiction on the back of the Canadian $20 bill, but if you've seen the real thing, the monetary version is a disappointing shadow of its vivid turquoise water and lush green trees framing glacial mountains.

A bus tour of the Columbia Icefield's Athabasca Glacier, an easy 90-minute drive north of Lake Louise on the Icefields Parkway, provided a change of pace from the hiking trails.

Aside from the novelty of being surrounded by snow and ice in July and drinking melted glacier water from our hands, the tour (run by Brewster Transportation and Tours) was educational for adult and child alike. I was fascinated by the tour bus itself, a specially designed, heavy-duty "SnoCoach" with 1800-lb. tires about as tall as I am (5'3"), to tackle the icy and sometimes steep terrain.

Our guide warned against exploring the glacier without an organized tour group. Although it's easily accessible by foot, climbing can be hazardous because of crevasses up to 100 feet deep, formed by ice layers moving under the glacier's surface.

Another novelty that the kids enjoyed was a cable car ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain in Banff on the last day of our trip. Suffering from scenery overload, Sari took a quick look, remarking "More scenery? What's the big deal? Let's go down now."

Our trip had turned out to be the perfect length. "I had a great time," says Kenny.

The unspoiled beauty of Moraine Lake, 12 miles from Lake Louise, inspired two active kids and their reporter mom to take a good, long look. [Stephen Kraft photo]

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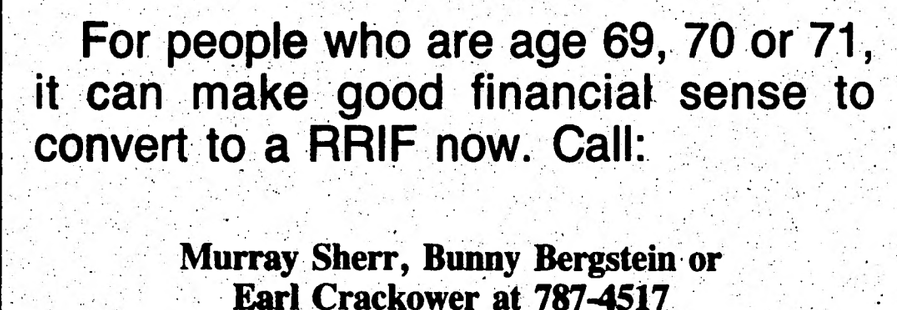

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Israeli company finds success distributing through local firm

By PAUL LUNGEN

Robert Engelberg (left) and Maurice Kulik of Signatel Ltd. distribute high tech data communications equipment from Israel. [Paul Lungen photo]

TORONTO —

When an Israeli trade delegation visited Canada last spring, they made a point of stressing that Canadian companies should not view business contacts between the two countries as a philanthropic gesture. Rather, joint ventures and other business partnerships should be seen as making sound economic sense for both parties.

Sound advice for the unitiated, but something the proprietors of Signatel Ltd. have known for a good many years now. It was about 10 years ago that the Markham, Ont. company first developed a relationship with Israel's RAD group of companies.

Dealing with what was then a fledgling Israeli operation, Signatel owners Maurice Kulik and Robert Engelberg began distributing a limited number of high tech data communications products designed and manufactured by RAD, a Tel Aviv-based electronics concern.

While sales in the early days were modest, the market in more recent years has opened up for RAD's high tech equipment, which allows computers to link up and "talk" to each other.

A year and a half ago, Signatel signed on as RAD's exclusive Canadian distributor.

Engelberg believes RAD, which in 1991 did 47 percent of its business in Europe, is well positioned to take advantage of new markets in North America. Equipment produced by RAD is attaining a world-wide reputation for quality, reliability, compactness and technical innovation, Kulik added.

In simple layman's terms, one of the functions performed by RAD's data communications equipment is linking personal computers to each other and to more sophisticated main frame computers. An example is the link between automated teller machines of various bank branches with the bank's main machine, Kulik said.

Canadian companies and government agencies have been pleased with the RAD products supplied in recent years, Engelberg said. Among the buyers of the Israeli-made electronic gear are Transport Canada, Agriculture Canada, Environment Canada, Hydro Quebec and Bell Canada, he said.

The Israeli company's success in finding a market niche is demonstrated in its soaring sales figures. In 1983, the RAD group, which includes RAD Ltd., Lannet Ltd., RND Ltd., RAN Ltd. and others, rang up about $250,000 (U.S.) in sales.

The 1990 figures were about $50 million, with $100 million projected for 1992.

In Canada, the 1992 figure is expected to come in at about $1 million (U.S.) and Kulik predicts 50 percent growth in upcoming years, despite the recession.

Engelberg said that despite the equipment's good reputation, some buyers have had concerns about delivery due to the political instability in the Middle East. But he points out that RAD experienced no delivery delays even during the Gulf War.

Kulik said RAD's material fits nicely into the Signatel line of high tech data equipment. Signatel, which was established in 1977, provides consultancy services and distribution of equipment to businesses requiring high tech systems. RAD equipment covers about 16 percent of Signatel's needs, Engelberg said.

RAD is "more like a Japanese company than an American one in terms of their work ethic, planning and long-range view of business," Engelberg said.

"They're gung-ho, world-aware businessmen," Kulik added.

Job hunting tips outlined

TORONTO —

You're tired of job hunting, you're tempted to take the summer off to sail, relax, or travel, because you believe that companies don't hire during the balmy weather or that there are few jobs available due to tough economic times.

"Abandon these thoughts," is the advice offered by Sylvia Milne, senior vice-president of Drake Beam Morin-Canada (DBM) part of the world's leading human resource management consulting firm.

Milne says that while some companies continue to downsize, they are hiring personnel in different fields. Moreover, despite Canada's high rate of unemployment, she says her firm has noted that in the last few weeks, DBM clients have been receiving a more positive response to their job search queries.

"Employers are hiring people who have the appropriate skills, are available and are eager to work," she says.

Milne emphasizes that "job seekers must make a job out of finding a job, which DBM believes is a key ingredient in managing a successful job search." She urges unemployed individuals to "go back to the basics, ensure that your job search is well-organized, targeted and disciplined."

How do you develop a first-class job search? How do you make yourself a more attractive job market candidate?

Ensure that your job search is well organized:

• Start your week by reviewing your list of day-to-day job search plans and activities for the upcoming week. By setting out a plan of action, your search will be more focused and help you keep on track.

• Research your industry's association roster and publications.

• Use the reference library to research companies and other industries.

• Read the Might's or Scott's Directory, Canadian Trade Index and the yellow pages for leads and companies to contact.

• Make 20 phone calls per day; start phoning early — by 8 a.m.

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• Answer ads; hand deliver to beat the rush or wait three days to avoid the big pile of mail. Follow-up earlier query letters. (Don't spend all your time answering ads, because our research indicates that only 14 percent of DBM clients get their jobs through job advertisements.)

• Be prepared to arrange meetings/interviews two to four weeks in advance, when your contact has returned from holidays. Be sure to give the person three days' back on the job before you meet them.

• Make careful file notes on your planning calendar, about expected return dates for the individual or the individual's boss.

• Phone the person whose new position announcement is published in the *Globe and Mail; Financial Post; Toronto Star; Toronto Sun*, and other business publications.

• Watch out for articles on companies/industries experiencing growth.

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Firms officially inaugurate their joint venture

By CYNTHIA GASNER

MERON —

Canadian investors in Cham Foods (Israel) Ltd., which produces egg products, vegetable and fruit pastes, and grows and dehydrates spices, were in Israel recently to officially inaugurate a joint venture with Maryland-based McCormick & Co. Inc., the world's largest dried spice operation.

Toronto developer, Alex Grossman, chairman of the board of Cham Foods and also president of State of Israel Bonds in Canada, spoke at the ceremony at the spice production factory at its Meron dehydrating plant in the northern Galilee.

"We have invested in order to help Israel, we are not just interested in making money. This plant employs 200 workers directly and 400 indirectly, a fourth of which are new immigrants, and I consider this to be a dividend in and of itself," Grossman said.

The addition of its new facility was initiated through McCormick's agreement to buy 170 tons of dried parsley annually, says Grossman. The total annual exports for 1991 were $7 million and the sales turnover was more than $14 million.

At the opening ceremony, Mike Clark, director of purchasing for McCormick, said his company would "like to bring the yearly order up to 400 tons per year. We operate in over 40 countries and I have visited more than 40 factories worldwide," Clark said in his speech.

He noted that general manager "Michael Shevi's factory is small but it is the best, and the rest of the world will know that our flagship plant is in Israel. After all, being large did Goliath no good at all."

Grossman noted that Shevi, an accountant by profession, came to Cham some 20 years ago with little knowledge of eggs and egg products. "Today, he is considered to be one of the world's expert on egg powders."

Representatives of the Tokyo-based Shoei Food Corp. were present at the factory's opening. Shoei maintains an order of approximately $4 million annually. Shoei purchases mainly egg products from Cham but is considering the purchase of other products, including powdered vegetables.

Representing Shoei Food, Eliji Honda explained that although his company manufactures 200 products, it has chosen to buy from Cham.

Honda said, "We have found that Cham Foods offers the best price and quality. We are interested in meeting the Japanese consumers' requirements and Cham has helped us attain our goal."

More than 300 people attended the opening festivities, including Israeli dignitaries, clients and potential clients, workers, local residents and invited guests. Phil Schwartz, one of the seven Canadian investors in Cham, was present at the official opening.

Alex Grossman, chairman of the board of Cham Foods (Israel) Ltd. (sixth from the right) is seen with representatives of McCormick Co. Inc. and other business associates at the opening of a new dehydration plant in Meron, Israel.

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$279,900 — EXTENDED 4 BDRM "RICHMOND" MODEL This fabulous home done beautifully in a grey and white decor has a large kitchen loads of cupboards - fam rm with fireplace combined lv rm and dining rm — "A Spring Farm find" *R. NOSOV

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Magnificent 4 bdrm builder[SOLD]ce. Large eat-in kitchen, 4 baths. Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

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Oak flrs, marble, cathedral ceiling, dbl ent, 50' front. $549,000. Donna Weiser/Jim Maguire 226-1987.

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4/5 Bdrms, main floor family rm, large eat-in kit, custom built not subdivision quality. R. Samery 488-2875.

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Dramatic reno. 4 BR., maste[SOLD]ing rm., greenhouse brkfst. rm. o/l gorgeous garden, [SOLD]am. rm. *Edie Winberg.

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Centre hall, 4+ BR., 4 ba[SOLD]. den, l-level nanny's rm., rec. rm. + office. Private ga[SOLD]n. Dble. garage. **Don Wagman.

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Built in '87. Sunny west ex[SOLD]R., 4 baths, family rm. + w/o deck, nanny's rm. Skyl[SOLD]. **Gary Mitchell.

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Gracious 2 BR. bungalow, [SOLD]off kitchen. Pvt. drive. Walk to TTC. Move-in condition. *Susan Organek/*Arthur Caplan.

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$379,000. Det. 2 stry., 3 B[SOLD]ens., updated kitchen. Dble. garage/pvt. drive. CAC. *Arthur Caplan/*Barbara Goldman.

BAYVIEW & NORTH

RIDGEGATE AREA — $223,900
1st Time Buyers! Detached 3 bdrms., eat-in kitchen, fin. l-level. Att. garage/private drive. Steps to TTC & schools. *Nina Steinberg.

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Centre hall, 4 BR., master ensuite, library, eat-in kitchen + w/o to patio, 2 huge rec. rms. CAC. Dble. garage. *Doug Shinobu.

FINCH/LESLIE — NOW $338,000
Excellent value! Super home. 2-stry., 4 BR., 3 baths, mn. flr. fam. rm. + w/o deck. Close to schools & TTC. *Heather Sherman.

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BATHURST/STEELES — $229,900
1st Time Buyers! Great opportunity. 3 BR. Wonderful 50' lot. Garage/pvt. drive. Convenient to synagogues & TTC. *Fred Shuster.

BATHURST/YORK D[SOLD]NS — $349,000
Stunning 4 BR. bungalow, [SOLD]rm., reno. kitchen & bath, sep. entry to fin. l-lvl. CAC. Extras galore. *Ruth Halperin.

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ANTIBES DR. — $149,000
Bathurst/Finch. Spacious 3 BR[SOLD]olarium, bright eat-in kitchen, 2 baths, 2 car pkg. & [SOLD]ec. centre. *Gayle Mitchell.

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Oversized backsplit, 3+1 bdrms, 60' front, family room & library, rec room. $399,900. *Marlon Green 764-7200

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Black/white decor, 4 bdrms, huge white kit, main family & laundry, loaded with extras! *Andrea Halpern 764-7200

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BATHURST-FINCH $249K — A REAL "10"
2+1 bdrms, glamorous corner suite w/lots of extras, immac. condition, flex poss. *Andrea Halpern 764-7200

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Bright 5+1 b.r., fam. rm., huge kit., fin. bsmt., in-law apt. Walk to shul, priced to sell fast. Gila Wolf, 222-2748/222-9707.

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Modernized 3+1 b.r. bung. + in-law, CAC, gar., huge corner lot, new appl.; walk to shul; must sell. Gila Wolf, 222-2748/222-9707.

BATHURST-CLARK BRAND-NEW DECOR
Sparkling bright 4 b.r. + fam. rm., CAC, dbl. gar., lge. lot, walk to shul. Gila Wolf, 222-2748/222-9707.

DON MILLS & FINCH — VILLAGE SETTING
Superb 4+2 b.r., 2 stry. det., near TTC, hwys., Fr. immmersion, shops; fin. w/o bsmt.; priced to sell. Gila Wolf, 222-2748/222-9707.

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- $339,000 - 3 bdrm. bung. + fin. bsmt., 50x140 lot, large eat-in kit.
- $354,000 - 3 bdrm. bung. + gourmet eat-in area kit. - gleaming hdwd. flr., fin. bsmt., shows like a model. Call D. Abraham, Sales Rep., 783-3333.

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$139,000 - early possession, parking, 24 hr. security, near bus, shul, shops, school. Serious vendor, opportunity not to be missed. For appointment call S. Banack, Sales Rep., 783-3333.

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3 bdrm., new kitch., fin. bsmnt., $234,900. Tova Fischtein, 731-7111.

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Mn. flr. fam., laundry, fin. bsmnt., dbl. gar., Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Inground pool, 4 bdrms., cabana, $287,000. David Weiner, 731-7111.

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Immac. 3 bdrm. semi, fin. bsmnt., move-in cond. Ellen Fisher, 731-7111.

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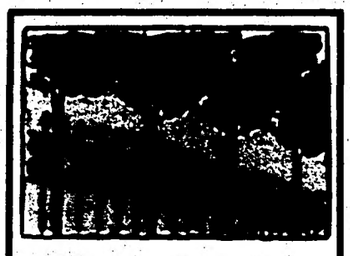

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Bathurst/Wilson - Renovated 2 storey detached, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. 2 kitchens. Attached garage. 50x120' lot. Modern Hollywoood kitchen 12x20'. Built-in appliances. Central air. Finished rec room. Reduced to sell. No agents please. Open house Sunday, August 16th, 12-5pm. 631-0331. 11073

3 Houses For Rent

Beautiful 3 bedroom bungalow. Move-in condition. Finished basement. Near schools and shuls. $1,600 monthly. 665-8784 9am-5pm. 11040

Bathurst/Wilson - 2 bedroom bungalow. Garage. 2 bedroom basement. A.C. Washer/ dryer. 638-0737. 11071

Bathurst/Finch - 3 bedrooms. JCC. Appliances. Immediately. 771-6234, 665-4648. 11041

3 Houses For Rent

Bathurst/Clark - New furnished 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse plus den. 669-5017. 11063

4 Houses For Rent/Sale

Bathurst/Patricia - 4 bedroom sidesplit, 3 bath. Family room. Lot 58x132'. Upgrades. $329,000. Rent, $1,590. 782-8884, 782-9944. No agents. 11027

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- **115 ANTIBES.** 3 bd., balc., $179,900. Fran Kieselstein, 731-7111.
- **7440 BATHURST.** 2 bd. + sol. $165,900. G. Hazin, 731-7111.
- **8501 BAYVIEW.** 2 bd., balc., $165,250. E. Pollock, 731-7111.
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7 Condominiums For Rent

Yonge/Clark - Over 1,800s.f. Luxury 2 bedroom plus den, 3 bathrooms. 226-1861. 10990

Bathurst/Clark - Luxury 2 bedroom. 5 appliances. 2 bathrooms. September 1. 764-7333. 11132

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9 Condominiums Wanted

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10 Accommodation Available

Bathurst/Steeles - Large room in house. Non-smoker. Ruth, 731-3211. 11116

Bathurst/Sheppard - Furnished room. Private washroom. Parking. Kosher. Professional/student female preferred. 638-9240 after 5pm, no Shabbos. 11152

12 Shared Accommodation

Apartment to share on Briarhill. Bathurst/Eglinton. 514-481-2215. 11089

McGill- Kosher male student looking for Kosher non-smoker to share apartment in ghetto. 771-9311. 11064

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13 Apartments For Rent

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Bathurst/Lawrence - Furnished new large 1 bedroom basement. Full kitchen, bathroom, laundry, parking. Separate entrance. Female or couple preferred. 783-8007. 10039

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Bathurst/Eglinton - Bright, clean 2 bedroom, 2 bath on 7th floor. Floor to ceiling mirrors. Balcony. Central air. Doorman. Pool in clean well kept building. $995/month. Includes utilities and indoor parking. 968-0595 days only. 11099

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23 Florida Property For Rent

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North Miami Beach. 1 bedroom, 1½ baths. Totally furnished. 4 month minimum. 412-856-1300. 10854

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24 Florida Property For Sale

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25 Florida Property For Rent/Sale

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26 Florida Accommodation Wanted

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27 Israel Properties

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37 Investment Opportunities

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38 Announcements

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39 Social Announcements

It's a girl! Dan-Aubrey and Marla are thrilled to announce the arrival of Alyse Lillian, born Thursday, July 23, 1992, at 12:58pm, weighing 1lb., 6oz. Proud grandparents are Leslie and Judy Dan and Reuben Cipin and Goldie Love. A special thank you to Dr. Fay Weisberg and all the doctors and nurses on 3rd floor east at Women's College Hospital that day. 11075

Mazel Tov!
Beatrice and Jack Kuretzky. Much joy and happiness on your 50th anniversary and always. Lots of love from your children and grandchildren. 11155

Kozierok-Joseph
Sema and Leon Kozierok and Juliet and Paul Joseph are delighted to announce the engagement of their children Cindy and Jevon. Proud grandparents are Eva Levenstein, Sonia Joseph, Michael Eichler and Ben Kozierok. Wedding June 1993. 11153

Rose-Dressler
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Rose of Montreal, Quebec are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Shari, to Brian Dressler, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Dressler of Bandon, Manitoba. A November wedding is planned. 11143

42 Articles for Sale

B'nai Brith Women
Garage Sale
Sunday, August 16th. 38 Rolls Court (corner of Mead, York Mills/Bayview). 8:00am. 11148

46 Employment Opportunities

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49 Financial Opportunities

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Jewish babysitter or companion. 2-3 days weekly. Excellent references. 782-3515. 11052

51 Domestic Help Wanted

Babysitter/ housecleaner to work Tuesday- Friday, 10-3. 886-2992. 11088

Nanny/housekeeper wanted. Live-in. Experienced with infants. Good English. References. 770-4093. 11108

Nanny/housekeeper - Live-in. Experienced with children. Richmond Hill. Please call afternoons or evenings 883-3002. 11111

52 Personals

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54 Personal Companions

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54 Personal Companions

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Mamott, Sydney Joseph on July 26, 1992, late of 224 Lonsmount Dr.
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Miller, Frank on July 21, 1992, late of 131 Chiltern Hill Rd.
Pancer, Harry on July 23, 1992.
Roth, Elizabeth on July 24, 1992.
Shalmoni, Joseph on July 24, 1992, late of 10 Torresdale Ave., #302.
Wolkin, Jacob on July 23, 1992, late of 1 Canyon Ave., #709.
Abrahami, Hana on July 26, 1992.
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Rueben Stein on Jul 27/92, late of 133 Torresdale Avenue #1501.
Goldie Joseph on Jul 28/92, late of 3560 Bathurst Street.
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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Freda Baran** will take place on Sunday, August 16, 1992, 10:30am, at Mount Sinai Memorial Park, Ozrower Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 11102

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